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Still need your flu shot?

National Influenza Vaccination Week, Dec. 2-8

LAS VEGAS – The holidays are quickly approaching. Have you had a flu shot yet? The Southern Nevada Health District encourages everyone to protect themselves and their loved ones during the holiday season by getting flu shot. National Influenza Vaccination Week, Dec. 2-8, is an opportunity to remind people that flu shots are beneficial and effective even if they are received in December and January. Flu shots are \$28 and the high-dose shot for people 65 and older is \$56. During flu season, the health district will also offer the pneumonia vaccine to clients over the age of 65 at a cost of \$91 for those without insurance. For more information, contact the health district's immunization clinic at (702) 759-0850 or visit www.SNHD.info.

Influenza activity has been sporadic in the Las Vegas Valley and across the country, so getting a flu shot now is beneficial. Flu season typically peaks in January or February and can continue until May. There are no vaccine shortages and immunizations are available throughout the community.

Flu shots are recommended for people 6 months old and older, especially people at a high risk for complications from the flu including very young children, people older than 65, pregnant women, and people with chronic medical conditions.

Flu shots are available at the following health district locations:

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Main Public Health Center, 330 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas

Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

- East Las Vegas Public Health Center, 560 N. Nellis Blvd., Ste. E12, Las Vegas
- Henderson Public Health Center, 520 E. Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson
- North Las Vegas Public Health Center, 955 W. Craig Rd., Ste. 103D, North Las Vegas
(*North Las Vegas is closed daily from 12:30 p - 1:15 p for lunch*)

Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. CLOSED for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

- Mesquite Public Health Center, 830 Hafen Lane, Mesquite

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Methods of payment for flu vaccine include Medicare Part B, Medicare Railroad Part B, Medicaid, Nevada Medicaid and Check-Up, Amerigroup Community Care Medicaid and Check-Up, or cash (checks are not accepted). Clients must present their Medicare insurance card or Medicaid voucher at the time of service.

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