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## Save the Date for FREE Seasonal Flu Shots

Woodland, CA—On **October 3, 2009**, the Yolo County Health Department will be providing free flu clinics at two locations in the county:

Woodland Community/Senior Center 2001 East Street Woodland, CA

Riverbank Elementary School 1100 Carrie Street West Sacramento, CA

Both clinics will be open to the public from 9:30 am to 12:30 p.m.

Parking may be limited at both sites, but a free shuttle service through Yolobus and the Washington Unified School District is available. The Woodland clinic shuttle pick up will be located at the County Fair Mall on Gibson and the West Sacramento shuttle will pick up at multiple points along Sacramento Avenue. For a complete shuttle schedule, go to www.yolobus.com.

Vaccinations will be provided for any Yolo County resident over six months of age on a first come, first served basis. Both traditional injectable vaccine and FluMist (a nasal spray) vaccine will be available. Informational materials about the vaccine in English, Russian, and Spanish will be provided at the clinics, and interpreters will be available on site.

Seasonal influenza is responsible for approximately 36,000 deaths per year. Those at highest risk for severe disease include young children, elderly people, and those with weak immune systems due to disease or pregnancy.

"Not only is this an important public service to help protect those who are at risk for seasonal flu, but these clinics are also a great opportunity for the Health Department, along with all its partners, to prepare to provide vaccine for large numbers of people when Novel H1N1 flu vaccine becomes available," states Dr. Joseph Iser, Yolo County Health Department Director-Health Officer.

Vaccines are provided through the California Department of Public Health Immunization Branch, and the clinics will be implemented with the help of the following partner agencies: City of

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Woodland, City of West Sacramento, Woodland Healthcare, Washington Unified School District, Yolo County Transportation District (Yolobus), UC Davis Medical Center, California State University Sacramento, American Red Cross, along with many others.

For more information about the clinics, go to <u>www.yolohealth.org</u> and click on the What's New link, or call (530) 666-8645.

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