

## County of Yolo

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Volunteers Needed For Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Woodland, CA--On Saturday, October 3, 2009, the Yolo County Public Health Department will be conducting public flu vaccination clinics in the cities of Woodland and West Sacramento. This is in coordination with these two cities and is being conducted as part of a health emergency preparedness clinic exercise. The intent is to provide FREE seasonal flu vaccinations to as large a public audience as possible.

How can you help? There are two ways you can help. One is to spread the word about the clinics and encourage people to come get their seasonal flu shot. Seasonal flu shots are available free to all Yolo County residents.

The second way you can help is to sign up as a volunteer to staff the two clinic sites, and encourage others to, also. People with a variety of skills are needed, not just medical personnel. Here are a few options.

Runners – assist all staff by helping clients, getting/delivering supplies, providing breaks for staff

Traffic Control & Interior Security – Work with uniformed officers to provide security services at each site

Inventory Control – keep track of all vaccines, supplies, etc. on site

Paperwork Collection – Work with clients to ensure that all medical records are collected and information materials are given

Translation – Assist clients with alternate language needs

Triage – Meet clients and provide information

Medical Screening – Assist clients by identifying the vaccine they are eligible for at the site

Volunteering to help at the site can also count towards high school required community service hours. For more information or to sign up, go to: <u>Volunteer.coordinator@yolocounty.org</u>.