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Free Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Clinics During May and June

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Woodland, CA--Because Novel H1N1 is still causing illness and some groups of individuals have experienced higher hospitalization rates and mortality rates due to the Novel H1N1 flu, the Yolo County Health Department is encouraging the community to continue to protect against the Novel H1N1 flu virus by getting vaccinated.

The Health Department is continuing to hold free vaccination clinics through June. The first will be held on Monday, May 3 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Yolo County Health Department at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland. Additional clinics will be held in the community at locations listed below.

Tuesday, May 18 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. **Expanded Hours! Greenery Apartments, Woodland

Thursday May 20 **New Date 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Migrant Head Start Bldg Classroom 39839 County Road 17A Woodland, CA 95695

Thursday, May 27 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Broderick Christian Center, West Sacramento

Nurses will administer the vaccines at these clinics, and Spanish speakers will be available. There is no cost for this important vaccine.

Pregnant women are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that pregnant women accounted for 5% of the deaths from Novel H1N1 during the peak outbreak from April through August 2009, but pregnant women make up only 1% of the population.

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While the number of cases has gone down since the fall outbreak, flu activity is ongoing and expected to continue through the summer. The CDC estimates that by the end of February 2010, one in four Americans had received the vaccination.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect against Novel H1N1, and the vaccine is safe and effective. Those who have not received their vaccination yet should get it as soon as possible. People with underlying health conditions like asthma or diabetes are particularly urged to get vaccinated, since many of the hospitalizations have been among those with underlying health conditions.

Free vaccines are also being offered regularly at the Yolo County Health Department, located at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland. The clinic is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Vaccinations are available on a walk-in basis only and appointments are not necessary. For more information on Novel H1N1 clinics and locations, please visit <u>www.yolohealth.org</u> or call 530-666-8645.

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