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## Volunteers Needed For Emergency Preparedness Exercise

(Woodland, CA) – On Saturday, November 13, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Yolo County Health Department and Woodland Unified School District will be conducting a public flu and Tdap vaccination clinic at Lee Middle School, located at 520 West Street in Woodland. This clinic is being conducted as part of a health emergency preparedness exercise. To fully staff the clinic per the exercise requirements, a variety of volunteers are needed.

“The intent of this clinic is to provide free seasonal flu and Tdap vaccinations to as large a public audience as possible,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Helen M. Thomson. “For this emergency preparedness exercise to be successful we need community volunteers to help.”

Volunteers, including non-medical personnel, are needed. Volunteer positions include:

**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

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

**Paperwork Collection** – work with clients to ensure all medical records are collected and information materials provided

**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

Volunteers will be asked to arrive at 7:45 a.m. and possibly stay as late as 2:00 p.m. High School students can receive community service hours for volunteering to assist with this exercise. For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, e-mail: [volunteer.coordinator@yolocounty.org](mailto:volunteer.coordinator@yolocounty.org).

The November 13 vaccination clinic is free to all Yolo County residents. Seasonal flu shots will be provided as well as the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccination.

“The Tdap vaccination prevents, among other things, whooping cough (pertussis), a very serious illness for young infants,” said Dee Dee Gillam, Yolo County Director of Public Health Nursing. “A new law, in response to the present whooping cough epidemic in California, requires all students, grades 7-12, to have a Tdap shot before entering middle school for the 2011 school year.

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