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CHILDREN NINE AND UNDER ADVISED TO GET SECOND H1N1 VACCINATION
Vaccination Clinics Upcoming in Fairfield, Vacaville, and Vallejo

Recently released preliminary data from a study being conducted by The National Institutes of Health (NIH) confirms the importance of a second dose of 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine for children nine years of age and younger. The data in this study shows that after the second dose of vaccine nearly 100 percent of children ages 6 to 35 months have a good immune response compared to only 25 percent after the first dose. Similarly in children ages 3 to 9 years old, approximately 94 percent have a good response after the second dose, compared to only 55 percent after the first dose.

“This data demonstrates that for children 6 months through 9 years old, the second dose of 2009 H1N1 vaccine, given at least 3 weeks after the first dose, offers a significantly higher level of protection than just getting the first dose of the vaccine,” said Michael Stacey, MD, Solano Public Health Deputy Health Officer. “When feasible, a child should receive the same type of vaccine (nasal flu mist or shot) for both doses, however it is acceptable to receive a different form of the vaccine for the second dose than was given for the first dose,” added Dr. Stacey.

Parents trying to access the H1N1 vaccine for their children will have several upcoming opportunities. Touro University California, will be offering free walk-in H1N1 clinics to the public for

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the next two Sundays (Dec. 13 and Dec. 20) from 12-4 pm at 250 Georgia Street in Vallejo. Both nasal flu mist vaccine and shots will be given as long as supplies are available.

NorthBay Healthcare will be offering free drive-through H1N1 clinics for the public as follows:

Monday, Dec. 14: Fairfield Center for Primary Care, 2458 Hilborn Road, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until supplies are exhausted; about 1,000 doses are available.

Tuesday, Dec. 15: Vacaville Center for Primary Care, 421 Nut Tree Road, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until supplies are exhausted; about 1,000 doses are available.

“Solano Public Health thanks those members of the public who were not in the CDC high priority groups for the vaccine, who have patiently waited for an opportunity to receive the vaccine. The clinics we’re announcing today will be open to anyone wanting to be vaccinated,” stated Ronald W. Chapman, MD, MPH, Solano Public Health Officer. “Of course, if you are in one of the high priority groups and have not yet been able to be vaccinated, we especially encourage you to see your healthcare provider for the vaccination or to come to one of these clinics,” said Dr. Chapman.

While these clinics will be open to anyone wanting a vaccine, the high priority groups for H1N1 vaccination include:

- Pregnant Women
- Household and caregiver contacts of children younger than 6 months of age (e.g. parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- Health Care and emergency medical services providers
- Persons from 6 months through 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have medical conditions associated with higher risk of influenza complications

For more information related to H1N1 flu vaccination clinics in Solano County, please dial 211, or visit www.solanocounty.com/H1N1.

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