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**Stanislaus County Health Services Agency Will Conduct a
Pandemic Flu Full Scale Exercise April 16**

What: On Thursday April 16, the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency (HSA) Emergency Preparedness Program, in collaboration with county and city partners, will conduct a full scale exercise based upon a pandemic flu scenario. The scenario is a Centers for Disease Control Category 5 pandemic flu outbreak. The Health Services Agency will set up an Alternative Care Site (ACS) to help increase patient bed capacity. A Field Treatment Site will also be established to triage, refer, or transport “patients.” Volunteers will be simulating patients. Area hospitals will exercise their ability to triage and transport patients when at surge capacity. Law enforcement will be on site to help direct traffic. This exercise will help HSA and community organizations including area hospitals, ambulance transports, and health care facilities prepare for a real pandemic flu outbreak.

Who: Agencies and organizations participating in this event include: Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services (OES), Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), Stanislaus County General Services Agency (GSA), Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE), Modesto Police Department, Mountain Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency, American Medical Response, ProTransport-1, Doctors Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, Oak Valley Hospital District, Memorial Medical Center, Golden Valley Health Centers, Acacia Park Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Bel Air Lodge Convalescent Hospital, Brandel Manor, Elness Convalescent Hospital, Evergreen Rehabilitation Care Center, Ha-Le Aloha Convalescent Hospital, Riverbank Nursing Center, Vintage Faire Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Advancing Vibrant Communities, and the American Red Cross.

When: Thursday April 16, 2009
9:00 a.m. to Noon

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Where: Johansen High School Gymnasium
641 Norseman Drive
Modesto, CA

Visuals: Over 200 volunteers and staff from various agencies will be on site participating in the exercise in various activities, including setting up the alternative care site, triaging and transporting patients, conducting mock press conference, and providing treatment at the alternative care site.

Media-Specific Information:
(do not publish) *All members of the media should check-in at the Media staging area, Room P101, to receive a press kit and media access pass for the event. The staging area will also serve as the coordination point for scheduling interviews with spokespersons.*

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