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Stanislaus County Health Services Agency To Provide H1N1 Vaccine to Pregnant Women

Stanislaus County – Stanislaus County Health Services Agency has received a limited supply of H1N1 vaccine and Public Health officials have decided to use this supply to vaccinate the highest priority group, pregnant women. “Public Health is working to ensure that those most vulnerable to severe complications from H1N1 receive the needed vaccinations,” states Cleopatia Moore-Bell, Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health Director and Associate Director at the Health Services Agency. “To ensure this we will be working with the health care provider community to make sure that pregnant women closest to delivery receive vaccine.”

Public Health will be temporarily reopening the walk-in clinic in the annex building on the HSA Scenic Campus for this specific purpose. Pregnant women will need to call their medical providers first prior to coming to Public Health for vaccination. Some medical providers, including obstetricians, are receiving shipments of H1N1 flu vaccine and they may be able to receive it from their regular medical provider. If they are not, pregnant women will need to provide a referral from their obstetrician that includes their expected date of delivery and also bring proof of Stanislaus County address.

Referrals will be accepted in the following manner:

- From November 4th – November 6th, the clinic will be open to pregnant women in their third trimester of pregnancy.
- The week of November 9th – 13th, the clinic will be open to pregnant women in their second or third trimesters of pregnancy.

Clinic hours of operation will be 12:30 pm until 6:00 pm.

The clinic is being designated for pregnant women only, children will not be allowed in the H1N1 annex clinic.

Pregnant women receiving vaccine from Public Health need to be aware that the vaccine available here at Public Health has preservative. Ideally pregnant women should receive the “preservative-free” vaccine. However, there is a national shortage and the California Department of Public Health has approved a waiver allowing pregnant women to receive vaccine with preservative.

Further information on H1N1 is available on www.stanemergency.com.