Press Release

County Health Department Announces Flu Vaccine Clinic

Santa Cruz County Public Health will hold an additional walk-in clinic for H1N1 influenza vaccination, on Wednesday, December 9th from 2-8 pm, or while supplies last. The clinic will be at the Ramsay Park Family Center, at 1301 Main St. in Watsonville. The Health Department plans to vaccinate 2,500 Santa Cruz residents in the target groups identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (see below). People attending the clinic may have to wait outdoors and should prepare for cold and wet weather.

The clinic already scheduled for Saturday, December 12th at the Santa Cruz Health Center located at 1080 Emeline will also continue as planned. This clinic will be held from 10am to 5 pm, or while supplies last. A thousand doses of vaccine will be available.

Public and private health care providers in Santa Cruz County have received an additional 12,600 doses of H1N1 vaccine in the past two weeks, bringing the total number of doses received to 44,860. An additional 13,700 doses are expected by Friday, December 11th, and further supplies will be received as the flu season continues.

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Target Groups who are eligible to receive vaccine:

- Anyone ages 6 months to 24 years
- Pregnant women
- Anyone who lives with or provides care for infants under 6 months of age (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers).
- Health care workers and emergency response personnel
- Anyone ages 25 through 64 with certain medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications (asthma, immunosuppression, diabetes, or heart or lung disease)

Our website at www.santacruzhealth.org/SwineFlu and information line at 454-4343 will be updated and additional press notification will be provided as needed.