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NEARLY 5,000 IMMUNIZED AT COUNTY H1N1 VACCINATION EVENTS ***Three Additional Events Planned for This Weekend***

Nearly 5,000 people were vaccinated at the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency's mass vaccination events this past weekend.

"It was great to see so many people being vaccinated and getting protection against the H1N1 virus," said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. "We hope to see many more people at this weekend's mass vaccination events. We have plenty of H1N1 vaccine and it is available at no charge to the general public."

During Friday's event at Qualcomm Stadium, 3,298 people were vaccinated. On Saturday, 1,622 people showed up to be immunized at the clinic in Escondido. The wait time at both locations was relatively short, with most people waiting in line for about 30-40 minutes.

"People were very appreciative the vaccine was offered to everyone and the events were well organized," added Wooten. "This was possible thanks to the great collaboration from County staff and our many partners, including the Community Emergency Response Teams, San Diego Police and Fire, Medical Reserve Corps, Qualcomm Stadium, and contracted vaccinators, including Rady Children's Hospital."

HHSA has allocated 41,000 dose of H1N1 vaccine to be administered at five mass vaccination events throughout the County.

The three remaining H1N1 mass vaccination events will take place:

Friday, Jan. 15

3:00 – 7:00 PM - Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon, 92020

Saturday, Jan. 16

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Kimball Senior Center, 1221 D Avenue, National City, 91950

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Westfield Plaza Camino Real, 2525 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 92008

To date, nearly 1.2 million doses of H1N1 vaccine have arrived in the region and more are expected in the coming weeks; the majority has been distributed to private providers. The vaccine is available to everyone at no cost and is safe and effective.

HHSA staff has administered approximately 82,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine at the County's seven vaccination sites.

The H1N1 vaccine is also being administered at primary care settings, community health centers, school vaccination clinics, retail pharmacies, and HHSA's seven public health clinics.

Visit the County's website at www.sdcountry.ca.gov or call 2-1-1 for more information about the H1N1 vaccine.

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