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SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY CONFIRMS FIRST LOCAL DEATH ASSOCIATED WITH H1N1 INFLUENZA *20-year-old Becomes Seventh H1N1 Victim in California*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) confirmed during a press conference yesterday evening the first local death associated with the Novel H1N1 Influenza virus. The victim was a 20-year-old female.

“This is a tragic reminder that the H1N1 virus is still very much active in our community,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., San Diego County Public Health Officer. “Our sympathies are with her family and friends.

“Residents of San Diego County still need to be vigilant about H1N1 and take the necessary precautions of covering their mouth when they cough, sneeze or blow their nose, and wash their hands frequently,” Wooten added. “We are still monitoring this virus and working with local, state and national health officials, but it will be several months before a vaccine is developed for H1N1.”

The woman’s death was the seventh H1N1 related death in California. There have been two deaths in Alameda County and one each in Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties.

There have been 275 confirmed H1N1 cases and 25 hospitalizations in San Diego County.

For additional information on H1N1 influenza visit www.sdcounty.ca.gov or www.cdc.gov or call 2-1-1 San Diego.

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