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SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY CONFIRMS TWO LOCAL DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH H1N1 INFLUENZA *Press Conference Today at 1:30 P.M.*

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has confirmed two additional deaths associated with the Novel H1N1 Influenza virus. The deceased are a 49-year-old female and a 75-year-old male. Dr. Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., San Diego County Public Health Officer will provide more information during a 1:30 p.m. press conference today at the Health and Human Services Agency, 1700 Pacific Highway. This is Dr. Wooten's only availability for interviews today.

"These two deaths are a reminder that everyone needs to be aware that H1N1 Influenza continues to infect people in our community," said Wooten. "Our thoughts are with the friends and families of these individuals."

"We encourage residents of San Diego County to take the necessary precautions as they would during a regular flu season. These precautions include covering your mouth when coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, and washing hands frequently and properly," Wooten added. "These routine precautions can go a long way in protecting your health and the health of those around you."

As of June 25, the California Department of Health reports 1,294 cases of H1N1 Influenza and 19 H1N1 related deaths in California. San Diego County has 392 confirmed H1N1 cases and three deaths as of June 29.

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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