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H1N1 INFLUENZA WEEKLY UPDATE

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) reports eight additional people have died and tested positive for H1N1. This does not mean H1N1 has been determined to be the cause of death, which is established by the attending physician or the Medical Examiner.

The deceased are:

- A 44-year-old-male with underlying medical conditions
- A 35-year-old female with underlying medical conditions
- A 41-year-old female with underlying medical conditions
- A 42-year-old female with no underlying medical conditions
- A 47-year-old male with underlying medical conditions
- A 67-year-old male non-resident with underlying medical conditions
- A 46-year-old male non-resident with underlying medical conditions
- A 48-year-old female non-resident with underlying medical conditions

The total number of people who have tested positive for H1N1 and died locally is 45. Thirty-eight individuals were San Diego County residents while the others seven were non-residents visiting our community at the time of their death. San Diego County has had 659 hospitalized cases of H1N1 to date.

Children 6 months through 9 years old (until they turn 10 years old) need to receive two doses of H1N1 vaccine. Infants younger than 6 months of age are too young to get the 2009 H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines. The CDC recommends that the two doses of 2009 H1N1 vaccine be separated by 3 to 4 weeks.

The second dose of H1N1 vaccine will be given to children when there is additional H1N1 vaccine supply in the community. Parents should call their children's regular medical provider to schedule an appointment for the second dose. If their children's medical provider does not have H1N1 vaccine (or has not ordered H1N1 vaccine), the second dose may be obtained from a County clinic when additional H1N1 vaccine arrives in the community. It is OK if the second dose of the H1N1 vaccine is given more than 3 to 4 weeks after the first dose – 3 weeks is the shortest recommended time in between the two H1N1 vaccines. While children 6 months through 9 years of age may have some protection against H1N1 infections after the first dose, the most effective protection will come from getting two doses.

Please visit www.sdcountry.ca.gov or call 2-1-1 for additional information on H1N1 influenza or vaccine availability at County vaccination facilities.