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H1N1 INFLUENZA WEEKLY UPDATE

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) reports four 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 39-year-old male with underlying medical conditions
- A 45-year-old female with underlying medical conditions
- A 37-year-old male with no known underlying medical conditions
- A 56-year-old male with no underlying medical conditions

The total number of people who have tested positive for H1N1 and died locally is 61. Fifty-four individuals were San Diego County residents while the other seven were non-residents visiting our community at the time of their death. San Diego County has had 771 hospitalized cases of H1N1 to date.

H1N1 VACCINE UPDATE

The H1N1 vaccine is now available to everyone. County residents are encouraged to contact their primary care physician since private providers receive most of the H1N1 vaccine. Residents who don't have a primary care physician or whose doctor did not order H1N1 vaccine can get vaccinated at one of the County's seven vaccination sites or at evening and weekend clinics conducted by local community health centers.

Through December 18, orders for 985,040 doses of H1N1 Flu Vaccine have been filled for San Diego County. For more information on vaccine availability and vaccination hours, visit www.sdcountry.ca.gov or call 2-1-1.

There has been a non-safety related recall of H1N1 nasal vaccine due to reduced potency (strength) of some lots of vaccine after the vaccines were shipped to providers. According to the California Department of Public Health, a total of 23,800 doses of recalled H1N1 nasal spray vaccine were distributed in our region. Of those, 20,600 doses went directly to local medical providers and 3,200 came to the County. The County's Public Health clinics administered all 3,200 doses. The County received 130 doses from a private provider and these will be returned to the manufacturer. Providers are receiving instructions from the manufacturer on how to return remaining recalled vaccines. According to the FDA and CDC, people vaccinated with this vaccine *do not* have to be revaccinated.

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