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It's Not Too Late to Vaccinate! County Health Department Offers Evening H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinics

Don't wait any longer to get the H1N1 vaccine! The H1N1 flu may be leveling off, but it isn't going away. Santa Cruz County Public Health announced that it will hold two free evening walk-in clinics for H1N1 influenza vaccination. The clinics will be held at the Ag Building (the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Co-op Extension), at 1432 Freedom Boulevard, next to the Watsonville Health Center. The first clinic will be on Tuesday, February 2, from 3pm to 6pm; the second clinic will be on Thursday, February 4, from 5pm to 8pm. People attending the clinics may have to wait outdoors and should prepare for cold and wet weather.

H1N1 vaccine is now available throughout the county, and most people should be able to get vaccine from their usual health care provider. Some providers offer H1N1 vaccination free of charge to their members.

The County has lifted all eligibility requirements for H1N1 vaccine. All county residents are encouraged to get vaccinated. **The Public Health Department is particularly interested in vaccinating children age 9 and under who need a first or second dose.** Children age 9 and under need two doses to ensure a proper immune response against H1N1.

The H1N1 vaccine continues to be especially important for the target groups identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Anyone ages 6 months to 24 years
- Pregnant women
- Anyone who lives with or provides care for infants under 6 months of age (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers).
- Health care workers and emergency response personnel
- Anyone ages 25 through 64 with certain medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications (asthma, immunosuppression, diabetes, or heart or lung disease)

Our website at www.santacruzhealth.org/SwineFlu and information line at 454-4343 will be updated and additional press notification will be provided as needed.

