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Health Department to Hold Flu Vaccination Clinics Throughout Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles County health officials announce that flu vaccine will be available at Community Outreach Clinics beginning the week of October 23 and run through early December.

These clinics are targeted to Los Angeles County residents 50 years of age and older and individuals with chronic conditions that put them at risk for flu complications and who do not have a regular source of care or are unable to afford vaccine from other sources.

Influenza is the leading cause of pneumonia and accounts for 110,000–200,000 hospitalizations and 20,000–40,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Receiving the flu shot is the most effective way to prevent the flu and its complications.

“I urge all persons at highest risk of serious complications of the flu, including infants and children 6 months through 59 months of age, to get vaccinated soon,” said Jonathan Fielding, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Public Health and County Health Officer. “All those most vulnerable should seek vaccination at one of the County’s clinics or from their personal physician.”

Those who should be given the highest priority for getting a flu shot include:

- Persons aged 50 or older;
- Residents of long-term care facilities;
- Persons with chronic health conditions;
- Children aged 6-59 months;
- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers for children under 6 months of age and others at high risk for severe complications from the flu; and
- Health care workers.

For information regarding the hours and locations of the flu vaccination clinics please go to www.lapublichealth.org or call the Los Angeles County Info Line at 211. For those whose usual health care providers do not have vaccine, other sources are available. Many pharmacies are administering flu shots. Another source for information on where vaccine may be available in each part of Los Angeles County is www.findaflushot.com.

About Public Health: The Department of Public Health is committed to protecting and improving the health of the nearly 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, Public Health oversees environmental health, disease control, and community and family health and comprises more than 3,800 employees with an annual budget exceeding \$650 million.

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