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Nov. 20 & 21 H1N1 Vaccination Clinics to be Rescheduled Due to Weather, Parking

(Sacramento, CA) – Sacramento County Public Health announced today that it will cancel and reschedule the two H1N1 flu vaccination clinics set for Friday at the Sam Pannell Community Center and Saturday at Town and Country Lutheran Church.

The reasons for the rescheduling have to do with weather and available parking.

"Our foremost concern is for the safety of the public," said Sacramento County Health Officer Glennah Trochet, M.D. "Friday's forecast calls for soaking rain and gusty winds, which would make the outdoor wait for flu shots miserable and unsafe on slippery sidewalks."

In addition, Trochet said that turnout for the first several clinics was beyond expectations, causing parking problems at some of the smaller vaccination venues.

"We are going to re-evaluate each site we have chosen for our clinics and make sure that parking is appropriate for the expected turnout," said Trochet. "We have determined that parking is not adequate at the clinic location we had planned for Saturday, and we don't want to put anyone in danger walking along busy streets."

Trochet asked for the media's assistance in communicating the clinic reschedulings, and for the public's patience and understanding in the logistical challenges Public Health faces planning and conducting large vaccination clinics with a reduced staff impacted by budget cuts.

Updates to the H1N1 vaccination clinic schedule will be posted on the Public Health web site. Just go to www.SCPH.com and click on the H1N1 Swine Flu graphic to view our H1N1 pages.

Clinics through Thanksgiving will continue to be for *priority groups only*. The revised schedule through November 24th is as follows:

Casa Roble High School – ON FOR TODAY!

Thursday, November 19th 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 9151 Oak Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662

Samuel Pannell Community Center - <u>CANCELLED</u>

November 20th 2450 Meadowview Road Sacramento, CA 95832

Town & Country Lutheran Church - CANCELLED

November 21st 4049 Marconi Avenue Sacramento, CA 95821

First Covenant Church - ON FOR MONDAY!

November 23rd 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 10933 Progress Court Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

La Sierra Community Center – ON FOR TUESDAY!

November 24th 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. 5325 Engle Road Carmichael, CA 95608

If there are any more schedule changes for the clinics to be held after Thanksgiving, we'll let you know about them as quickly as possible.

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