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Health District to offer flu shots, Oct. 6

LAS VEGAS – The weather is cooling off, the leaves are falling, it's almost Halloween . . . that means flu season is right around the corner. This year, the Southern Nevada Health District's flu vaccine clinics will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, Oct. 6 at all locations. The cost of the vaccine is \$40; the high dose vaccine for people age 65 and over is \$56. For more information, contact the health district's immunization clinic at (702) 759-0850 or visit www.SNHD.info.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that manufacturers will produce between 154 million and 160 million doses of flu vaccine for the upcoming season with no anticipated shortages. The health district encourages everyone to get flu vaccinations, especially persons at high-risk of complications from the flu including children younger than 5 (children younger than 2 years old are at highest risk), adults 65 years of age and older, and pregnant women.

Anyone with questions regarding which vaccine is right for him or her should contact a health care provider. Some locations are already offering flu vaccines to patrons or patients.

Immunizations are also available at the following health district locations:

- **Main Public Health Center, 330 S. Valley View Blvd.**
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **East Las Vegas Public Health Center, 560 N. Nellis Blvd., Suite E12, Las Vegas**
Monday – Friday, 9a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Henderson Public Health Center, 520 E. Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson**
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **North Las Vegas Public Health Center, 955 W. Craig Rd., Suite 103D, North Las Vegas**
Monday – Friday, 8a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Mesquite Public Health Center, 830 Hafen Lane, Mesquite**
Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. – noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The health district has scheduled an immunization clinic in Laughlin from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 6 at Laughlin Jr./Sr. High School, 1900 Cougar Dr., Laughlin, 89029. Flu immunizations as well as childhood and adult immunizations will be available.

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Health District to offer seasonal flu shots – add one

Flu vaccines are covered under the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Methods of payment for flu vaccine include Culinary for clients age six months and older, Medicare Part B, Medicare Railroad Part B, Medicaid, Nevada Medicaid and Nevada Check-Up, Amerigroup Community Care Medicaid and Check-Up, and HPN Medicaid and Check-Up. The health district will accept debit or credit cards as well as cash. (checks are not accepted). Clients must present their Medicare insurance card or Medicaid voucher at the time of service.

Flu shots are also recommended for people with certain medical conditions including:

- Asthma
- Neurological and neurodevelopmental
- Chronic lung disease
- Heart disease
- Blood disorders
- Endocrine disorders
- Kidney disorders
- Liver disorders
- Metabolic disorders
- People younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- People who are morbidly obese

To help prevent the spread of the virus: avoid close contact with people who are sick, stay home if you're sick, cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, wash your hands, and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

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