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## **PANDEMIC H1N1 VACCINE RECOMMENDED FOR ALL**

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. — If you have not yet received a pandemic H1N1 flu vaccination there is good news. There is enough vaccine available now that anyone, not just people in high risk groups, can be vaccinated.

“Although the second wave of pandemic H1N1 flu is on the decline, we don’t know that this is over,” stated Mark Lundberg, M.D., Health Officer at Butte County Public Health. “Influenza is unpredictable and we can’t say for sure what will happen next, but we do know that vaccination is the first and most important step in protecting against the flu. For those of you who have been patiently waiting your turn to get vaccinated now is the time to do so.”

H1N1 vaccine is now available at many health care provider offices and pharmacies throughout Butte County. In addition, Enloe Medical Center will be sponsoring a flu vaccination clinic on Thursday, January 14, from 7 am to 1 pm (or as supplies last) at Manzanita Place (the Elks Lodge) at 1705 Manzanita Ave. in Chico. There will be vaccine available for adults and children age 3 years and up, and for pregnant women.

Please wear clothing that allows vaccination to your upper arm. Upon arrival at Manzanita Place, please park in the rear parking lot and form a line from the front door to the rear parking lot. Please do not contact Manzanita Place for details, as more information is online at [www.enloe.org/flu](http://www.enloe.org/flu) and on the Flu Information Line (530) 332-7017.

For parents of children under age 10 who received a first dose of the vaccine, this will be an opportunity to have your child receive a second dose. In addition, Enloe will provide a date for a second shot to be given for children under age 10 who receive the vaccine for the first time at the January 14 clinic.

In addition to the clinic in Chico, hospitals in Paradise, Oroville and Gridley are also planning H1N1 vaccination clinics. Watch for news of these upcoming clinics. Vaccine will also be available, by appointment only, at the Public Health Clinic at 695 Oleander in Chico on Wednesday January 13 from 1 pm to 4 pm, and at the Public Health Clinic at 78 Table Mountain Blvd. in Oroville on

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Thursday January 14 from 1 pm to 4 pm. For an appointment in Chico call 891-2732. For an appointment in Oroville call 538-2840.

The Centers for Disease Control predicts that about one out of six Americans has gotten H1N1. That means five out of six Americans could still get the disease if they haven't yet been vaccinated. "Even if you are healthy and don't think flu is that serious, consider the people around you," stated Lundberg. "Although flu may be no problem for you, you could spread it to someone else who might become very sick. Getting vaccinated protects you, but it also protects those around you."

According to the California Department of Public Health, California is still experiencing regional outbreaks of H1N1 flu. Since the pandemic began, California has seen 8,308 hospitalizations from H1N1 flu, including 470 deaths. In Butte County, there have been 50 hospitalizations from H1N1, including 3 deaths. These numbers are just the tip of the iceberg, as most people with the flu do not get confirmatory testing.

The next few weeks will provide a window of opportunity for those who have not yet been vaccinated to protect themselves. For more information on pandemic H1N1 vaccine visit the Butte County Public Health website at [www.buttecounty.net/publichealth](http://www.buttecounty.net/publichealth) or call the toll-free information line at 1-866-444-2405.

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