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**Stanislaus County Health Services Agency Will Conduct a
Mass Flu-Vaccination Emergency Preparedness Exercise October 16**

What: On Tuesday, October 16, the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency Emergency Preparedness Program will conduct a mass flu-vaccination exercise in Modesto. This exercise will help HSA prepare for a real mass vaccination clinic, which would be an important part of the emergency response to a pandemic flu outbreak. Several other community agencies will also participate, including Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services, Modesto Police Department, American Red Cross, Stanislaus County Behavioral Health Services, Memorial Medical Center, Doctors Medical Center, and Valley Oak Hospital.

More than 2,000 doses of flu vaccine have been purchased for this exercise and will be administered free-of-charge to anyone 6-months of age and older. The vaccine was purchased with state and federal grant funds designated for emergency preparedness drills such as this one.

When: Tuesday, October 16, 2007
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Where: Centenary United Methodist Church
1911 Toyon Avenue
Modesto, CA

Visuals: Over 2,000 flu-vaccination shots will be administered to people 6-months of age and older. Several local agencies will also be on-site including law enforcement and the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services.

Media-Specific Information: *A media staging area will be setup in the gazebo at the center of the exercise site. All members of the media should check-in at the staging area to receive a press kit and media access pass for the event. The staging area will also serve as the coordination point for scheduling interviews with spokespersons.*
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