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First Influenza Death in Stanislaus County

Stanislaus County - Stanislaus County Health Services Agency officials are reporting the first influenza (commonly referred to as flu) -associated death of a county resident this season. The decedent, a child less than 1 year of age, had underlying medical conditions, and died on November 3, 2015.

"The death of this infant is a tremendous loss and our condolences go out to the family," says Public Health Director, Rebecca Nanyonjo, DrPH. "As we enter the 2015/16 season, it is important for Stanislaus County residents receive the annual flu vaccine and take other preventative measures to reduce the spread of illness and help prevent further loss of life." Public Health officials at all levels of government urge that everyone six months of age and older get immunized every year to protect themselves against flu, a serious illness which can lead to hospitalization or death. Check with your primary care provider or your local pharmacy to obtain flu vaccination. A schedule of public health community clinics is also available for those unable to obtain vaccination.

Influenza is more likely to cause severe illness and complications in children under the age of two, pregnant women, and seniors. Receiving vaccination against the flu virus is the best way to prevent infection. Infants under the age of 6 months are not able to receive the vaccination. The flu vaccination is recommended for all persons over the age of 6 months. Pregnant women, family members and caregivers of infants should be vaccinated so they cannot spread the flu to young, vulnerable children. Once a person has been vaccinated, it takes the body about two weeks to develop maximum protection against the flu virus. Vaccination early in the season is one of the best methods of protection.

In addition to flu vaccine, Public Health officials recommend that everyone help prevent spreading the seasonal flu by:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Carry alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you and use it when you are not able to wash your hands:
- · Avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth;
- Covering your coughs and sneezes with your sleeve or tissue; and
- Staying home if you are sick.

The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to emphasize the importance of prompt antiviral treatment for those who are severely ill and those who are at high risk of flu complications. Antiviral treatment, available only by prescription, should be considered for people at highrisk for severe influenza if they develop a flu-like illness, even before it has been confirmed to be influenza. In addition, persons with chronic medical disorders should also receive the pneumococcal vaccine. This is especially important for people with diabetes, respiratory disorders (like asthma), and heart disease. The pneumococcal vaccine provides protection from the most common cause of pneumonia-related deaths for people 10 or more years of age.

These important messages and Public Health hygiene measures can help you protect you and your family, neighbors, and co-workers from becoming sick.

For more information about the influenza virus and the flu vaccines. visit www.stanemergency.com or call the Health Services Agency Flu Hotline at (209) 558-8872.

2015 - COMMUNITY FLU CLINICS

FLU IS SERIOUS. GET VACCINATED NOW.

CLÍNICAS DE VACUNACIÓN **CONTRA LA INFLUENZA - 2015** LA INFLUENZA ES UNA ENFERMEDAD SERIA.

DATE & TIME	CLINIC LOCATION	CITY
October 2 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Oakdale Family Resource Center 631 West F Street	OAKDALE
October 4 8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Hanshaw Binational Health Fair 1725 Las Vegas Street	MODESTO
October 8 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Orville Wright Health & Safety Fair 1602 Monterey Street	MODESTO
October 11 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	The Well Church 2500 Claus Road	MODESTO
October 17 8:00 am – 12:00 pm	El Rematito Flea Market 3113 Crows Landing Road	MODESTO
October 20 8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Turlock Flea Market 2000 East Avenue	TURLOCK
October 28 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	St. Stanislaus Church 709 J Street	MODESTO
October 29 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ceres Unified School District— Walter White Corner of 6 th and Lawrence Avenue	CERES
November 2 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Modesto Gospel Mission 1400 Yosemite Boulevard	MODESTO
November 8 8:00 am – 12:00 pm	El Rematito Flea Market 3113 Crows Landing Road	MODESTO
November 12 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Modesto WIC Office 251 E. Hackett Road	MODESTO
November 15 8:00 am – 12:00 pm	7 th Street Flea Market 1107 S. 7 th Street	MODESTO
November 18 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Franklin Elementary School 120 S. Emerald Avenue	MODESTO
November 24 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ceres Unified School District— Walter White Corner of 6 th and Lawrence Avenue	CERES
December 1 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Patterson WIC Office 66 N. El Circulo Drive	PATTERSON
December 5 8:00 am - 11:00 am	Modesto Library Corner of 15 th and I Street	MODESTO
December 14 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Modesto City Schools Staff Center 426 Locust Street	MODESTO
December 17 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ceres Unified School District - Argus 2503 Lawrence Avenue	CERES

For more information contact Stanislaus County Public Health Services Flu Hotline at (209) 558-8872

The vaccine is available for anyone 6 months of age and older We Accept CASH Only

NO PERSON WILL BE TURNED AWAY FOR INABILITY TO PAY

Suggest \$10 Children (6 mo - 18 years) Administration Fee Suggested \$27 Adult Administration Fee





Para más información sobre la gripe llame a Salud Pública del Condado de Stanislaus al (209) 558-8872

La vacuna está disponible para todas las personas de 6 meses de edad en adelante, Solamente Aceptamos Dinero en Efectivo

A NADIE SE LE NEGARÁ LA VACUNA POR NO PODER PAGAR.

Costo administrativo sugerido para niños (6 meses-18 años): \$10 Costo administrativo sugerido para adultos: \$27

