

## News Release

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### **District to Begin Offering Flu Shots to the General Public on October 24** Health district expects ample vaccine supplies; flu shots recommended for everyone

LAS VEGAS – Oct. 11, 2005 – The Clark County Health District will begin offering flu vaccine to the general public on Monday, Oct. 24. Vaccinations will be given weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following district public health centers:

- Ravenholt Public Health Center, 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106
- East Las Vegas Public Health Center, 560 N. Nellis Blvd., Suite E12, Las Vegas, NV 89110
- Henderson Public Health Center, 129 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Suite 10, Henderson, NV 89015
- North Las Vegas Public Health Center, 1820 E. Lake Mead Blvd., Suite F, North Las Vegas, NV 89030

“With ample vaccine supplies expected this year, we encourage everyone to get their flu shot,” said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer. “An annual flu vaccination is the best way to reduce your chance of getting the flu.”

The district will offer both the standard flu shot and the inhaled FluMist vaccine (FluMist will only be available at the Ravenholt Public Health Center). The flu shot is recommended for adults and children over 6 months of age. FluMist is approved for healthy people between five and 49 years of age, and is not recommended for pregnant women.

Currently, there is no flu activity in the United States, and people have time to receive a vaccination. Those wishing to avoid the initial rush can be assured flu vaccine is in sufficient supply, and can delay their visit until after the first few days of the flu shot clinics.

Methods of payment for flu shots include Medicare Part B, Medicare Railroad Part B, Medicaid, Secure Horizons and Senior Dimensions. Patients must present their insurance card or Medicaid voucher at the time of service. For those not covered or without proof of insurance, the cost for either type of flu vaccination is \$30.

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Additional information on the flu and flu vaccinations is available on the health district website at <http://www.cchd.org>. For information on vaccine availability, the public may contact the health district immunization project at (702) 383-1351.

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