

News Release

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Flu shots for the high risk population available October 15, 2001

(Las Vegas, Nev. – October 4, 2001) – The Clark County Health District will begin administering flu shots to people categorized as “high-risk” on October 15, 2001. This high-risk group is defined as those 65 years of age or older, a person of any age with a chronic illness, and pregnant women in their second or third trimester. People eligible for free vaccine through Medicare or Medicaid must present an insurance card. For those not eligible under their insurance plan the cost is \$15 for flu and \$20 for pneumonia.

The shot will be offered at the following locations on Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Ravenholt Public Health Center, 625 Shadow Lane
- East Las Vegas Public Health Center, 560 N. Nellis Boulevard
- Henderson Public Health Center, 129 W. Lake Mead Boulevard
- North Las Vegas Public Health Center, 1820 E. Lake Mead Boulevard

This season more vaccine is expected to be available than in previous years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, some delays in distribution are expected. Healthy adults are being asked to defer receiving the shot until November so that an adequate supply is available for those at-risk individuals. The Health District has ordered a total of 21,000 doses of the flu vaccine and is expecting the order in three shipments. Once it is determined that the high-risk population has been vaccinated the shot will be offered to the general population.

For more information, please call 383-1351 or 383-1352.

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