

News Release

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PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT **Health District depletes first two shipments of flu vaccine**

(Las Vegas, Nev. – October 30, 2001) – The Clark County Health District (CCHD) has vaccinated approximately 13,000 high-risk individuals against influenza and will soon deplete its current supply. People who are eligible to receive the flu shot are asked to call the CCHD Immunization Clinic at 383-1351 before arriving for their shot. They will be directed to a neighborhood clinic that still has a supply of the vaccine or to another health care provider.

The remainder of the health district's supply of flu vaccine is expected mid-November and arrangements are being made to purchase additional vaccine.

“The health district is continuing to follow the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by administering flu shots only to people categorized as high-risk,” said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer for the district.

The 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.

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