

News Release

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Flu shots for high risk individuals available October 14, 2002

(October 7, 2002) – The Clark County Health District will begin offering flu shots to those at-risk of suffering serious complications from the flu on October 14, 2002.

Those who fall in the at-risk category for flu include: persons 65 years of age and older; residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities; adults and children who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma; adults and children who have certain chronic medical conditions; children and teenagers (ages 6 months to 18 years) who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy; healthy children 6-23 months old; and women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season.

Flu shots will be offered at the following health district locations on Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 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 Drive
- North Las Vegas Public Health Center, 1820 E. Lake Mead Boulevard

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 the flu immunization.

This season the health district has ordered a total of 25,000 doses of the flu vaccine. Once it has been determined the needs of the at-risk population have been met the shot will be offered to the general population.

For more information, please call the health district immunization office at 702-383-1351 or 702-383-1352.

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