

News Release

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Flu clinics and cancer screening services combined to reach target audience

(Las Vegas, Nev., - October 6, 2003) – For the first time the Clark County Health District will combine two programs – flu clinics and the Women’s Health Connection – to reach women who are more at risk from complications from the flu and less likely to access cancer screening services.

“Since many of the women who attend our flu clinics fit the profile of women we reach out to through Women’s Health Connection our staff recognized the opportunity to combine resources and also provide cancer screening services and information,” said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer for the district.

FLU SHOTS

The flu shot is recommended every fall for all people age 50 or older; women who will be in their 2nd or 3rd trimester of pregnancy during flu season; residents of long-term care facilities; people younger than 50 who have medical problems such as heart or lung disease (including asthma), diabetes, kidney disease or an immune system weakened by disease or medication; and those who work or live with any of these individuals. This year, recommendations also include otherwise healthy children age 6-23 months because they are at risk for influenza-related hospitalization. Vaccination of children less than 6 months old who have certain medical conditions continues to be strongly recommended.

Flu clinics will be held throughout the month of October, which is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. **(See attachment for schedule of clinics and costs.)** For more information about flu clinics the public may call 383-1351.

WOMEN’S HEALTH CONNECTION

Women’s Health Connection helps low income, uninsured and underserved women age 40-64 gain access to lifesaving early detection screening and diagnostic programs for breast and cervical cancers. Cancer treatment is also available, providing coverage through all aspects of treatment to qualifying women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer. For more information about Women’s Health Connection the public may call 212-6381.

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2003-2004 Flu Clinics

Clark County Health District Public Health Center Locations October 13, 2003 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Ravenholt Public Health Center
625 Shadow Lane
383-1351

Henderson Public Health Center
129 W. Lake Mead Drive
564-3232

East Las Vegas Public Health Center
560 N. Nellis Boulevard
437-4643

North Las Vegas Public Health Center
1820 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Suite F
759-0502

Community Flu Clinics

October 14, 2003

Mesquite Senior Center
102 W. Old Mill Road
8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

October 21, 2003

Laughlin Senior Center
1975 Arie
9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

October 15, 2003

Indian Springs
719 Gretta Lane
10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Doolittle Senior Center

1950 N. J Street
8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Sandy Valley

650 West Quartz Lane
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

October 22, 2003

Derfelt Senior Center
3343 W. Washington
9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

October 16, 2003

Overton Senior Center
475 Moapa Blvd.
8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

October 24, 2003

Chinatown Plaza Mall
4255 Spring Mountain Road
1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

October 17, 2003

Searchlight Senior Center
200 Michael Wendall Way
9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

October 27, 2003

East Las Vegas Community and Senior Center
250 N. Eastern @ Stewart
9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

November 7, 2003

Cambridge Senior Center
3930 Cambridge Street
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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 is \$20.

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Pneumonia and Tetanus

The pneumonia and tetanus vaccination will also be available at the flu clinics. Usually one dose of pneumonia vaccine is all that is needed. However, a second dose may be recommended for those people aged 65 and older who received their first dose when they were under 65, if five or more years have passed since that dose, or those with special medical conditions.

Methods of payment for pneumonia vaccine are Medicare Part B and Medicare Railroad Part B (for those who qualify) and Secure Horizons and Medicaid. 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 is \$25.

A tetanus booster is recommended once every 10 years for adults. Tetanus shots are available for a charge of \$15.

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