



Influenza - Public Health Update #9

December 22, 2003

The Clark County Health District has received a preliminary report of a death in Clark County attributed to influenza. The death occurred in an elderly individual with an underlying medical condition. The report will be confirmed by additional testing conducted at the state laboratory in Carson City. It is not known at this time if this patient had received a flu shot.

The news of this death is a tragedy, however it reinforces the importance of flu shots, especially for the at-risk population.

At this time the health district has a limited amount of flu shots and continues to accept appointments for at-risk individuals for Tuesday, December 23. **For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call (702) 383-1351, (702) 383-1352 or (702) 383-1494.**

The at-risk group includes:

- Healthy children age 6-23 months
- Adults age 65 years or older
- Pregnant women in their second or third trimester during influenza season
- Persons age 2 and older with underlying chronic conditions

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