

Media Advisory

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Health District Preparedness Drill to Offer Free Flu Shots to 2,500 Adults

WHAT: Health district emergency preparedness drill and flu vaccination clinic.

WHY: To test the health district's ability to provide mass immunizations in an emergency.

In the event of a pandemic outbreak of influenza, the health district would open a number of immunization clinics throughout the community to rapidly vaccinate as much of the general population as possible. The immunization drill provides the district an opportunity to exercise its mass vaccination plan and benchmark the number of people that can be immunized per clinic per hour.

For a realistic exercise, the district is soliciting help from the general public. The first 2,500 adults to participate in the drill (must be over age 18) will receive a free flu shot. The vaccinations will be offered on a "first come, first served" basis. Please note: participants are asked to wear a short sleeved shirt or a shirt that can be easily rolled up. Additionally,

Standard flu vaccination clinics will begin on the Monday following the drill.

WHEN: Friday, October 15, 2004.
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Clark County Health District, Main Campus
625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106

VISUALS: Excellent live shot opportunity, especially for midday editions. Visuals include: long lines of people; public health nurses filling syringes, administering flu vaccine and distributing information packets; and electronic data entry.

For more information on how to participate, the public may call (702) 385-INFO

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