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**Health District to offer childhood immunizations, H1N1 shots
at Cinco de Mayo event, May 2**

LAS VEGAS - The Southern Nevada Health District will offer free childhood immunizations and 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccinations between noon and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at Sunset Park as part of the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration. The immunization clinic is part of the Shots 4 Tots campaign. With the exception of the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine, adult immunizations will not be available at this clinic. The Southern Nevada Health District offers childhood immunizations as well as the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine at its public health centers Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For additional information, contact the immunization clinic, (702) 759-0850 or visit www.SNHD.info.

Parents must bring immunization records. Children with no records will have to begin the immunization sequence from the beginning. Non-custodial adults may accompany a child, however, written consent must be provided to the health district from the parent or guardian at the time of service.

The health district reminds parents that there is still time to receive a dose of 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine. Children between the ages of six months old and age nine should receive the second 2009 H1N1 dose four weeks after the first dose or at least 21-28 days later. Parents should bring their children's H1N1 vaccine record with them when they come in for their second dose, which is recommended for children so they develop adequate protection against the 2009 H1N1 influenza strain.

Current projections indicate that the 2009 H1N1 influenza strain will be the dominant strain for the next flu season. The virus has not mutated and this year's shot will offer protection for the upcoming flu season. Next year's seasonal flu vaccine will include the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus.

Influenza vaccinations are especially recommended for health care workers, people who live with or care for babies younger than six months old, anyone with a compromised immune system or a chronic medical condition and pregnant women. In addition, younger people were included in the initial priority groups for 2009 H1N1 vaccine because people younger than 25 are particularly susceptible to becoming more seriously ill when they are infected.

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