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H1N1 INFLUENZA WEEKLY UPDATE

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) reports one additional person has died and tested positive for H1N1. This does not mean H1N1 has been determined to be the cause of death, which is established by the attending physician or the Medical Examiner. The deceased is a 29-year-old female with no underlying medical conditions.

The total number of people who have tested positive for H1N1 and died locally is 62. Fifty-five individuals were San Diego County residents while the other seven were non-residents visiting our community at the time of their death. San Diego County has had 778 hospitalized cases of H1N1 to date.

H1N1 VACCINE UPDATE

The vaccine is now available to everyone. County residents are encouraged to contact their primary care physician since private providers receive most of the H1N1 vaccine. Residents who don't have a primary care physician or whose doctor did not order H1N1 vaccine can get vaccinated at one of the County's seven vaccination sites or at evening and weekend clinics conducted by local community health centers. The County has received an additional 69,200 doses of H1N1 vaccine.

For more information on vaccine availability and vaccination hours, visit <u>www.sdcounty.ca.gov</u> or call 2-1-1.

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