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Southeastern District Health Department to Hold Flu Vaccination Clinics

Butte County Office to Offer Flu Vaccinations

Butte County - The Southeastern District Health Department (SDHD) will be holding flu vaccination clinics.

Influenza, a contagious disease that is caused by the influenza virus, attacks the respiratory tract in humans. The flu is different from a cold in that it comes on suddenly and may include these symptoms: fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, and body aches. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that vaccination efforts during October and November focus on persons at greatest risk for influenza-related complications. These include:

- All persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce their risk of becoming ill with influenza or of spreading it to others
- All children ages 6-59 months
- All persons age 50 years or older
- All children and teenagers receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season
- Adults and children with any of the following conditions:
 - . a chronic disorder of the pulmonary or cardiovascular system
 - . a chronic disease of the blood, liver, or kidneys, immunosuppression (e.g., caused by medications, HIV), or diabetes; compromised ability to handle respiratory secretions or an increased risk for aspiration (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injury, seizure disorder, or other neuromuscular disorder)
- All residents of nursing homes or other chronic-care facilities
- All healthcare personnel
- All household contacts (including children) and caregivers of children ages 0-59 months (especially younger than 6 mos), adults 50 years and older, and persons having high-risk medical conditions

- Persons planning to travel to an area of the world with influenza activity (e.g., to the tropics at any time of the year)

The cost for the flu vaccination for adults is \$23 per person. Medicare and Medicaid can be billed as long as participants bring in their medical card. Please call Nancy to schedule an appointment at 527-3463.

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