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Stanislaus County Hosts Mass Vaccination Clinic for Flu Vaccine

Stanislaus County – The Health Services Agency - Public Health Division is hosting a drive through mass vaccination clinic for flu vaccine on **Friday, December 4th, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 6:00pm at Johansen High School (641 Norseman Dr, Modesto, CA 95357)**. This clinic will be used as a model for mass vaccination efforts once there is a vaccine available for COVID-19. While Public Health continues to see a rise in COVID-19 cases, getting vaccinated for the flu can help residents stay protected from at least one preventable respiratory infection this season.

“Getting the flu shot is the best way to protect you, your family, friends, co-workers, and community from the flu this season,” said Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, Stanislaus County Public Health Officer. “Given the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, preventing the flu is particularly important this year.”

The drive through clinic will provide attendees the option of receiving vaccines without getting out of their vehicle. Public Health hopes to see a high turnout at the event so they can prepare for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Free flu shots will be offered to anyone 6 months of age and older on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is required.

Flu shots are important for people at high risk for serious complications from the flu, including:

- Infants six months of age and older
- Pregnant women
- Caregivers of seniors or infants
- Those with underlying chronic medical conditions such as diabetes or a chronic heart, lung, kidney or liver condition or people who are immuno-compromised, such as persons with HIV/AIDS and people who are on dialysis or receiving cancer treatment.

Flu symptoms can be similar to COVID-19 symptoms and may include fever, chills, aches, pains, and coughing. Public Health reminds everyone to practice healthy habits to prevent getting or transmitting the flu or COVID-19 by:

- Wearing a face covering at all times
- Staying home and away from others if feeling sick
- Staying six feet apart from those who are not a part of the household

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- Washing hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer frequently
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects that may be contaminated.

For more information about flu and flu shots, please visit <http://schsa.org/publichealth/pages/flu/> and <https://vaccinefinder.org>, respectively.

Resources for Additional Information on flu are:

- California Department of Public Health flu website, <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Influenza.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>

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