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Pandemic H1N1 (Swine) Flu Weekly Update for Santa Barbara County

This is a weekly update on the status of H1N1 flu in our County, including the availability of H1N1 vaccine, the number of new hospitalizations and deaths, and any other pertinent H1N1 related information.

H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

Future H1N1 community vaccination clinics are now open to **all** residents of Santa Barbara County. Scheduled H1N1 community vaccination clinics include:

City	Location	Date	Time
Lompoc	Methodist Church 925 N. F Street	Thursday, 12/ 10	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm*
Carpinteria	Canalino School 1400 Linden Road	Saturday, 12/12	10:00 am 2:00 pm*
Santa Barbara	Earl Warren Showgrounds 3400 Calle Real	Monday, 12/14	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm*
Santa Ynez	Veterans Hall 1745 Mission Drive	Wednesday, 12/16	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm*

* Vaccination clinics will end at the designated time or earlier if vaccine supplies are exhausted.

Three additional H1N1 community clinics will be scheduled in the month of January in the cities of Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Lompoc.

Hospitalizations and Deaths of Santa Barbara County Residents

H1N1 Hospitalizations & Deaths of Santa Barbara County Residents			
	Past Total (as of 11/30)	New cases (as of 12/8)	Cumulative Total
# hospitalized w/ probable & confirmed H1N1	54	1	55
# probable & confirmed H1N1 deaths	5	1	6

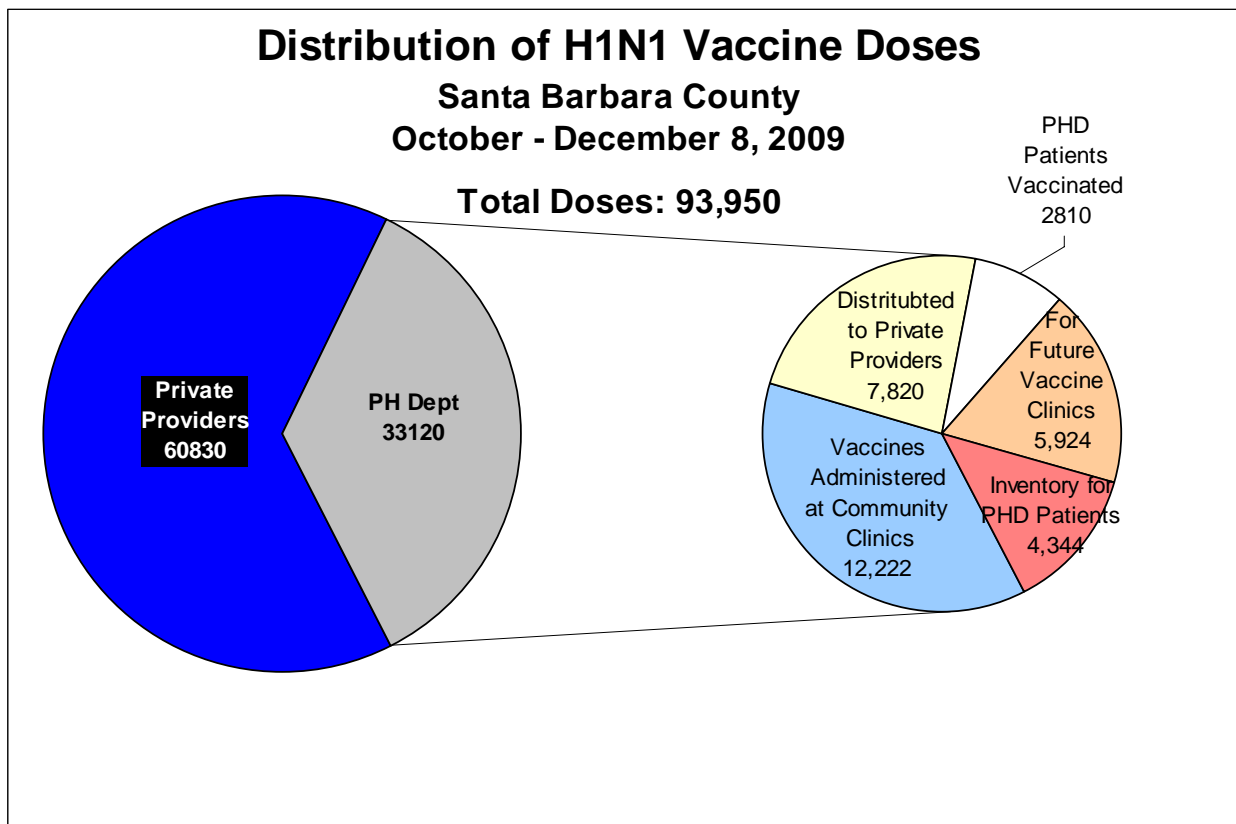
Santa Barbara County has had a total of 55 hospitalizations associated with Pandemic H1N1 flu as of December 8, 2009. The first of these hospitalizations occurred in mid-June of this year

and those hospitalized range in age from 12 days to 82 years. The total number of deaths in our county has now reached 6. All 6 of these deaths occurred in individuals with underlying medical conditions.

The Public Health Department has also been operating an H1N1 flu information phone line where nurses respond to public inquiries in both English and Spanish. Between September 23 and December 8, 2009, 2083 calls have been taken.

H1N1 Vaccine Received in Santa Barbara County

The Public Health Department and private healthcare providers in our community have received 93,950 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine. Most of the vaccine (60,830 doses) has been sent directly to private medical clinics and providers who have been able to vaccinate their patients in high risk groups. The Public Health Department has received 33,120 doses. Of the doses received by the Public Health Department, 7,820 have been distributed to private providers, 2,810 have been used to vaccinate PHD patients, 12,222 have been used at H1N1 community vaccine clinics, and the remainder will be used for clinics scheduled in the coming weeks and for patients seen at the Public Health Department. (See chart for details).



Questions may be directed to the PHD H1N1 Public Hotline at 1-888-722-6358. Additional information is on the PHD website: www.sbcfluinfo.org or follow us on twitter at SBCPublicHealth.

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