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

This is the last weekly update on the status of H1N1 flu in Santa Barbara County. In the future, press releases on H1N1 influenza will be created and distributed when significant new information is available and not necessarily on a weekly basis.

**Status of H1N1 Flu**

H1N1 flu activity continues to be present in the County. Statewide, the pandemic has become sporadic. Residents and health care providers are urged to remain vigilant and continue to practice prevention practices. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that individuals who have not yet been vaccinated, obtain an H1N1 flu vaccination.

**H1N1 Flu Vaccination**

H1N1 flu vaccine is available through many private physicians and clinics. In addition, the Public Health Department will continue to offer **free** H1N1 vaccinations through our Public Health Clinics. Locations, days and times throughout the month of **February** are listed below:

<b>City</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Days and Times</b>
Lompoc	Lompoc Health Clinic 301 N. R Street, Door B	Mondays 1:30 – 6:30 pm
Santa Maria	Santa Maria Health Clinic 2115 S. Centerpointe Parkway	Wednesdays 1:30 – 6:30 pm Fridays 8:30–11:30 am & 1:30–4:30 pm
Santa Barbara	Franklin Public Health Clinic 1136 E. Montecito Street	Tuesdays 8:00 – 11:30 am Wednesdays 1:00 – 4:30 pm
Carpinteria	Veteran’s Hall 941 Walnut Avenue	Thursdays 1:00 – 6:30 pm (except 2/18 when it is 1:00 – 4:30 pm)

The Public Health Department will also offer an H1N1 flu clinic in **New Cuyama** on February 11 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. The H1N1 flu vaccinations will be provided at the New Cuyama Clinic, 4711 Highway 166. No appointment is necessary.

## Hospitalizations and Deaths of Santa Barbara County Residents

<b>H1N1 Hospitalizations &amp; Deaths of Santa Barbara County Residents</b>			
	<b>Past Total (as of 1/20/10)</b>	<b>New Cases (as of 1/27/10)</b>	<b>Cumulative Total</b>
# hospitalized w/probable & confirmed H1N1	62	2	64
# probable & confirmed H1N1 deaths	9	0	9

Santa Barbara County has had a total of 64 hospitalizations associated with Pandemic H1N1 flu as of January 27, 2010. The first of these hospitalizations occurred in mid-June of last year. Approximately 60% of those hospitalized were females, six of whom were pregnant. The average age of people hospitalized is 30 years old. No new deaths were reported during the last period, leaving the total number of deaths in our county at 9. All deaths occurred among individuals with underlying medical conditions.

For more information visit the Public Health Department flu website at [www.sbcfluinfo.org](http://www.sbcfluinfo.org) or call the H1N1 Public Information Line at 1-888-722-6358. Follow us on twitter at SBCPublicHealth.

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