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COUNTY POSTPONES SEASONAL FLU CLINICS THROUGH END OF NOVEMBER

Riverside County will postpone several seasonal flu clinics through the end of November because delays in shipments have affected supplies of seasonal flu vaccine.

The county Department of Public Health continues to work with state and federal health officials to get additional supplies of both H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine. Supplies of the seasonal vaccine are expected in late November.

The H1N1 flu vaccine continues to arrive at county clinics in limited supplies.

"We are placing the vaccine in clinics as soon as it becomes available," said county Health Officer Eric Frykman. "We want to vaccinate as many people as possible and will do so as additional vaccine becomes available."

Residents are encouraged to check first with their regular medical provider to receive both the seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccinations.

Shipments of seasonal flu vaccine have been delayed because manufacturers have ramped up production for the H1N1 vaccine, Frykman said. Additionally, public health education efforts have raised awareness about the benefits of flu vaccinations and demand has increased.

All residents are encouraged to receive the seasonal flu vaccine but priority is given to seniors over age 50, people with serious health problems and children.

Priority for the limited supplies of the H1N1 nasal spray vaccine continues to be children age 2 to 12. Priority for the injectable version of the H1N1 vaccine continues to be pregnant women, people who work or live with children and people age 25 to 64 with serious health conditions.

Residents are encouraged to call 2-1-1 or visit the county Department of Public Health's Web site at www.rivcoph.org to check for flu clinic hours and vaccine availability.

The following seasonal flu clinics will be postponed until additional vaccine is available:

Indio

Indio Fashion Mall
82-227 Hwy 111, Ste A-2

November 10, 9 a.m. - 11a.m.

Hemet

Simpson Senior Center
305 E. Devonshire

November 12, 9 a.m. - 12p.m.

Moreno Valley

Riverside Regional Medical Center
26520 Cactus Room #D18

November 16, 9am - 11am

Riverside

Villegas Community Center
7240 Marguerita Ave

November 16, 9 a.m. - 11a.m.

Riverside

Bordwell Park
2008 martin Luther King Blvd

November 18, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Perris

Mead Valley Community Center
21021 Rider St

November 18, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.