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Clarification on first school-based H1N1 flu clinics scheduled for next week

The county Department of Public Health announced that school-based H1N1 flu clinics are scheduled to start on Nov. 2. Health officials will visit a school in Coachella and three elementary schools in Banning next week.

In Banning, the H1N1 flu nasal spray vaccination will be available only for students attending the school sites that will be visited. The Coachella flu clinic will serve all students in the Coachella Valley Unified School District. The priority groups for the nasal spray vaccination continue to be children age 2 to 12. Vaccinations will not be available for family members that are not students at the respective schools and do not fall within the priority group.

Due to delays in shipments, vaccination supplies are limited. Residents are encouraged to check first with their medical provider to receive the vaccination. Vaccination campaigns will continue through the flu season to ensure residents have an opportunity to be immunized. Additional shipments of the H1N1 flu shot are expected in the next few weeks. Flu clinics are planned for schools and childcare centers countywide as additional vaccine becomes available.

The following schools will have on-site H1N1 flu nasal spray clinics:

Banning School District:

Central Elementary 295 N. San Gorgonio Avenue Banning, CA 92220	November 2 (Monday) 9:30 a.m. - 11:30am
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Hoffer Elementary 1115 E. Hoffer Street Banning, CA 92220	November 3 (Tuesday) 9:30 a.m. - 11:30a.m.
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Hemmerling Elementary 1928 W. Nicolet Street Banning, CA 92220	November 6 (Friday) 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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Coachella Valley School District:

Cahuilla Desert Academy 82489 Avenue 52 Coachella, CA 92236	November 4 (Wednesday) 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
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(Bilingual staff will be available for Spanish-language media)

Residents also are encouraged to get the seasonal influenza shot in addition to the H1N1 vaccination. Both vaccinations are encouraged for priority groups. For information about the seasonal flu shot, visit <http://www.rivcoph.org/>. For updates on H1N1 flu clinics and other H1N1-related information, visit <http://www.rivcoph.org/h1n1>.