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County schedules clinics for low-cost flu immunizations

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health has received a limited amount of influenza vaccine and will offer low cost, flu shot clinics at six locations this month.

The county's vaccine shipment is less than half of the 27,000 doses received last year due to one of the two major vaccine manufacturer's entire nationwide supply being contaminated and disapproved for use.

Because of the shortage, clinics will be open only to seniors and others at high-risk. The federal government is trying to identify additional vaccine that could become available in the next few weeks. People are advised to seek vaccinations from their personal healthcare providers before attending one of the county's clinics.

Dates and locations for the four clinics are:

- Friday, November 5, 10 a.m. until supply is depleted, County General Services Building, 777 E. Rialto Ave., San Bernardino
- Tuesday, November 9, 10 a.m. until supply is depleted, Victor Valley Christian Church, 11223 Eleventh Ave, Hesperia
- Friday, November 12, 10 a.m. until supply is depleted, Elks Lodge, 55946 Yucca Trail, Yucca Valley
- Monday, November 15, 10 a.m. until supply is depleted, Ontario Convention Center, 2000 Convention Center Way, Ontario
- Thursday, November 18, 2 p.m. until supply is depleted, Oldtimers Foundation, George White Senior Center, 8565 Nuevo Ave., Fontana

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- Monday, November 22, 10 a.m. until supply is depleted, Redlands Community Senior Center, 111 W. Lugonia Ave., Redlands

Flu shots are \$5. MediCal, MediCare or private insurance will not be accepted. To accommodate people reasonably and fairly, vaccines will be distributed at all six clinics using a lottery system. Each attendee at the clinic will receive a unique number. A number will be drawn randomly to determine the start of the line. That number and subsequent people in line equal to the number of doses of vaccine available will receive vaccine.

People should not arrive early with the intention of reserving space, as this will have no impact on their chance of receiving vaccine.

Clinic staff will screen attendees to assure they are high-risk. High-risk includes seniors (65 years and older), anyone with a chronic illness such as heart or lung disease, diabetes and asthma, anyone with a weakened immune system, women who are pregnant, and infants six months to 23 months old.

Everyone will be required to show proof they live in San Bernardino County. A driver's license or state issued identification card is sufficient proof.

For more information on clinics call the Immunization Program at (800) 722-4794, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.