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Seniors Are the Focus of New H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

El Paso County, CO—Senior citizens are the focus of H1N1 flu vaccination clinics planned in March by the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment. Vaccinations will be provided free of charge.

“It’s important for seniors and for all members of our community to remember that H1N1 flu still is circulating and can be a serious disease,” said Kandi Buckland, R.N., M.P.A., executive director of the Health Department. “H1N1 flu vaccine is plentiful in the community right now, and now is a great time to get vaccinated to protect yourself and your family.”

Cases of H1N1 flu are on the decline right now but could increase any time, Buckland said. “Now is not a time to let down your guard,” she added. “Many people still are susceptible because they haven’t been vaccinated. Now is the window of opportunity so we can try to prevent a third wave of the H1N1 flu pandemic.”

These clinics in March are planned at community centers serving significant senior citizen populations, but anyone older than 6 months of age is eligible to be vaccinated at these clinics, sponsored by the Health Department in partnership with the Visiting Nurse Association.

- **March 1**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N. Hancock Ave., Colorado Springs
- **March 18**, 1 to 4 p.m., Meadows Park Community Center, 1943 S. El Paso Ave., Colorado Springs
- **March 23**, 10 a.m. to noon, Fountain Valley Senior Center, 5745 Southmoor Drive, Fountain

Here are two other options available through the Health Department and community partners:

H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinic at The Citadel, 750 Citadel Drive East, Colorado Springs, top level, next to escalators, across from Dillard’s

- Mondays and Fridays, 2 to 5 p.m.
- Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mobile H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinic, through a partnership with Peak Vista Community Health Centers and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

- **Mondays, March 1 and March 8**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Department of Human Services, 105 N. Spruce St., Colorado Springs
- **Monday, March 22**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fountain-Fort Carson High School, 10665 Jimmy Camp Road, Fountain

Vaccine also is available through some health care providers and some local pharmacies. For more information about H1N1 flu and where to get vaccinated, visit www.elpasocountyhealth.org, or call 2-1-1, the Pikes Peak United Way’s Health and Human services phone line, or the toll-free Colorado Help Line at (877) 462-2911.