

Nearly 9,000 individuals were vaccinated at public H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics held on Saturday, November 7. The largest clinic was held at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, where 4,175 vaccinations were provided to pregnant women, children, young adults, and others at risk for illness and serious complications from the H1N1 flu. Public clinics held at three Valley Health Center locations provided 3,800 flu shots to those in the high-risk groups and another 850 vaccinations were provided at three Gardner Family Health sites.

The line was long at the County Fairgrounds as many people arrived well before the 9:30 a.m. start. Vaccinations continued throughout the day, with the last one provided at 5 p.m.

The Public Health Department will be offering another H1N1 vaccination clinic at the County Fairgrounds on Sunday, November 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A large turnout is expected, so people should come prepared to wait. Individuals and families should bring chairs, food, water, and anything else needed to be comfortable in line, including warm clothing and something to occupy your children like books and toys.

Additional clinics sites are planned for Saturday, November 14. For these locations and times, please check the Public Health website at www.sccphd.org.

Due to limited supplies of the vaccine, vaccinations will continue to be provided only to the following groups:

- Pregnant women
- Children and young adults between the ages of 6 months and 24 years
- People who live with or provide care for infants under 6 months
- Adults between the ages of 25 and 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at risk for serious illness and death from the H1N1 flu virus
- Healthcare and emergency service care workers

The Public Health Department asks that only those in this high-risk category attend the November 15 clinic. Also, if you are sick, please do not attend. You will not be able to get the vaccine until you are well.