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Volunteers Wanted for H1N1 Clinics

(Sacramento, CA) – Sacramento County Public Health is seeking volunteers for both medical and non-medical positions for its series of H1N1 flu vaccination clinics, which run through January 15th.

Public Health's H1N1 flu immunization clinics have vaccinated more than 14,000 area residents since they began on November 16th.

"It takes about 60 people to run each flu clinic, and more than half of the positions are staffed by volunteers," said Glennah Trochet, M.D., Sacramento County Public Health Officer. "This is a great opportunity for available nurses, administrative assistants, and anyone from the community willing to volunteer their time for a very worthwhile effort to protect the health of our residents," said Trochet.

Non-medical volunteers assist by giving clinic attendees the vaccine consent form they need to fill out, greeting people, keeping order in lines, and providing vaccination cards after the vaccine has been administered.

Licensed medical volunteers can assist with giving vaccinations, performing medical screening and triaging people attending the clinics.

Each of the H1N1 flu vaccination clinics lasts about 6 hours, with four hours dedicated to the vaccination activities. Volunteers are expected to arrive an hour and fifteen minutes before the clinic opens its doors to receive training for their position. In addition, volunteers are needed to stay up to one hour after the clinic closes to help with clean-up and repacking supplies in preparation for the next clinic.

Anyone who can contribute to this important community health effort as a volunteer is asked to call Bert Bettis at (916) 875-2011 or e-mail Bettisb@saccounty.net.

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