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**Alameda County**  
**Supervisor Keith Carson, Fifth District**

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**Press Release**

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## **Alameda County Employs Emergency Protocols**

The H1N1 pandemic has caused Alameda County and the 14 cities within it to activate the emergency system created during the anthrax scare after 9-11. Each city is responsible for identifying distribution locations while Alameda County will be overseeing the administration of the vaccine.

“Alameda County is the first line of defense for disease outbreaks. Since the H1N1 influenza virus is so widespread it is imperative that our Public Health Department along with city departments work quickly to distribute the supplies of the vaccination we are receiving from the Centers for Disease Control to protect the most vulnerable populations in our communities,” said Supervisor Keith Carson.

As of October 20<sup>th</sup> there have been 224 hospitalizations and 17 deaths in Alameda County from confirmed H1N1 influenza.

The Alameda County Public Health Department is providing no-cost H1N1 vaccinations to uninsured residents who are at highest risk of complications from exposure to the H1N1 influenza virus. Alameda County will continue to administer H1N1 vaccines on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>. Clinics will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until supply depletes.

Due to limited supply, the target population eligible for the vaccination are pregnant women, persons who live with or provide care for infants 6 months or younger (e.g. parents, siblings, and childcare providers), children aged 6 months – 4 years, and children and adolescents aged 5 – 18 years who have chronic medical conditions that put them at higher risk for flu-related complications.

As supply of the H1N1 vaccine increases, the Public Health Department will expand vaccination efforts to include other vulnerable populations identified by the Centers for Disease Control.

Berkeley residents should contact the Berkeley Public Health Department at (510) 981-5300 for information on H1N1 vaccinations.

### **Dates and locations in northern Alameda County:**

#### **Saturday, November 14**

1. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
2. deFremery Park, 1651 Adeline Street, Oakland
3. Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Avenue, Oakland

#### **Saturday, December 12**

1. Bushrod Recreation Center, 560 59th Street, Oakland

For more dates and locations go to [www.keithcarson.org](http://www.keithcarson.org)