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COUNTY HHSA REPORTS H1N1-RELATED DEATH

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) reports one additional person has tested positive for H1N1 and subsequently died. This does not mean H1N1 has been determined to be the cause of death, which is established by the attending physician or the Medical Examiner. The deceased is a 22-year-old male with underlying medical conditions.

This is the first H1N1-related death in San Diego County this calendar year.

“This is a solemn reminder that H1N1 is still in our community and our sympathies are with the family of this young man,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. “While H1N1 is not as widespread in our community as we experienced last year, we still encourage basic precautions such as covering your mouth when you cough, sneeze or blow your nose, and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly to protect yourself and your family.”

The County has H1N1 vaccine available at six public health centers and one vaccination clinic. “It’s not too late to get vaccinated for H1N1,” said Wooten. “As long as the virus remains in our community, vaccination is the best prevention.”

Please visit www.sdcounty.ca.gov or call 2-1-1 for additional information on H1N1 influenza or for the location of County vaccination sites.

The total number of people who have tested positive for H1N1 and died locally is 63. Fifty-six individuals were San Diego County residents while the other seven were non-residents visiting our community at the time of their death.

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