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## **PUBLIC HEALTH MEDIA ALERT**

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### First Responder/Senior Flu Vaccination Clinic Doubles in Attendance

Expectations for yesterday's first responder drill at San Luis Obispo Elk's Lodge, Grover Beach Fire Station, Morro Bay Fire Station, and Paso Robles Veteran's Hall were far surpassed as vaccinations were provided to over 3200 people. For the first time, members of the public 60 and over and those with chronic medical conditions were invited to participate in the drill at three of the four sites (Grover Beach, Paso Robles and Morro Bay). As a result, during the first three hours of the drill, approximately 1600 children and adults over the age of three received seasonal flu vaccine. This is the same amount of vaccine provided during seven hours of clinics during the previous year's drill (November 2008)

This was the only county-sponsored, free opportunity for vaccination of first responders, county employees and their family members scheduled to date. Due to the onslaught of members of the public over 60—who are at highest risk for seasonal flu—attending sites Wednesday, vaccine supply available to first responders, county employees and family members was limited.

The Public Health Department hopes to plan alternate times and locations for vaccinating first responders, county employees and their family members based on additional vaccine availability as all our vaccine for these groups was used at the drill. People meeting those criteria should stay tuned.

Based also on vaccine availability, vaccine will be available by appointment at all Health Department's locations for members of the public. Additional vaccination clinics are scheduled for those 60 and over and adults with chronic medical conditions at the following locations on October 7.

Templeton Community Center  
601 South Main Street, Templeton  
8:30-10:30am

Rabobank  
1070 Main Street, Cambria  
12:30-2:30

Costs for the two above clinics:

Flu vaccines are covered by Medicare Part B and Medi-Cal. If you have Medicare or Medi-Cal and belong to a managed care plan or HMO, you should go to your regular health care provider. If you do not have Medicare insurance, the administration fee for flu vaccine at SLO Public Health Flu clinics is \$20.00. **Costs vary for flu vaccines through other providers. Speak with your personal Health Care provider or go to [www.FluClinicLocator.org](http://www.FluClinicLocator.org) to find other flu vaccination opportunities.**

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