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SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY FLU VACCINATION CLINICS THIS WEEK**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Butte County Public Health Department officials announce the distribution of additional vaccine in Butte County. State flu vaccine will be made available to **adult high-risk county residents** through two mass flu vaccination clinics organized by Enloe Medical Center and Oroville Hospital.

Enloe Medical Center will conduct a drive-through clinic to distribute 1,500 flu shots on Thursday, December 9, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or as long as vaccine supply lasts.

The flu shots are free. The location is:

Calvary Chapel of Chico
1888 Springfield Drive, Chico
(Behind the Chico Mall)

Oroville Hospital will conduct a walk-in flu clinic to distribute 1,500 flu shots on Friday, December 10, 2004, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon or while supplies last. The flu shots are \$2.00 each. The location is:

Oroville Sports Club
2600 Oroville Dam Blvd., Oroville
(By the Bank of the West)

The state flu vaccine at mass vaccination clinics is for individuals in the following high-risk priority groups:

- Adults aged 65 years and older
- 18 – 64 years old with a chronic medical condition

- Women who will be pregnant between November and March
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- Health care workers taking care of patients
- Day Care providers and people living with an infant less than 6 months

In addition, Butte County has been allocated 7,470 flu vaccine doses for December and 4,400 flu doses for January, which private physicians and clinics can order for their patients.

The following private physicians or clinics have ordered private flu vaccine. Patients of these physicians or clinics are encouraged to call and make arrangements to get their flu shot.

1. Argyll Medical Group Family Practice (Current patients only)
2. Convenient Care (Current patients only)
3. Gridley Medical Group (Current patients only)
4. Dr. Rey (Current patients only)
5. Dr. Paul (Current patients only)
6. Immediate Care Medical Center (Anyone from high-risk groups;
Chico 891-1676, Paradise 877-5433)
7. Enloe Prompt Care, contact Flu Hotline for information - 332-7017 (Anyone from high-risk groups)
 - California Park location only
8. Enloe Children's Health Center, contact Flu Hotline for information - 332-7017 (Any children from high-risk groups)
9. Oroville Internal Medicine (Current patients only)

Other physicians not listed here also ordered private flu vaccine and are working directly with their patients to provide them access to flu vaccine.

The private provider flu vaccine is for individuals in these high-risk priority groups:

- All children aged 6 – 23 months;
- adults aged 65 years and older;
- persons aged 2 – 64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;
- all women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
- children aged 6 months – 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
- health care workers involved in direct patient care; and
- out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged <6 months.

The above information is available on the Flu Hotline recorded message which is available 24-hours a day, 1-800-641-0015.

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