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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Free Flu Shots on Thursday, November 19, 2015**

The Santa Barbara Public Health Department and the Santa Barbara County Medical Reserve Corps are providing **free** flu shots for all community members over the age of 2 in Goleta AND in Santa Maria on Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm.

An annual flu vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu and the flu-related complications that could lead to hospitalization and even death. Health experts across the country recommend that everyone 6 months and older get a flu vaccine. The standard vaccine is for 3 years and older. **IF AVAILABLE Flumist** vaccines are for individuals ages two years to 49 years of age.

The Public Health Department (PHD) is collaborating with the cities of **Goleta and Santa Maria**, to exercise the community mass vaccination plan. The flu clinics serve to familiarize residents with the mass vaccination clinic operation and to improve the ability of the county’s personnel and resources to respond to public health emergencies.

The event is funded through the federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program.

	<b>CITY GOLETA</b>	<b>CITY OF SANTA MARIA</b>
<b>When</b>	Thursday; 11/19, 3-7 pm	Thursday; 11/19, 3-7 pm
<b>Where</b>	Goleta Valley Community Center 5679 Hollister Ave, Goleta CA	Veterans Memorial Community Center 313 W. Tunnell St. Santa Maria, CA
<b>What</b>	Injectable vaccine for 3 years and older. If available: Flumist for 2-49 years of age	Injectable vaccine for 3 years and older. If available: Flumist for 2-49 years of age
<b>Who</b>	<b>Everyone two years of age and older</b>	<b>Everyone two years of age and older</b>

For more information regarding this event or other places to get flu shots in our area visit <http://www.sbcphd.org/iz> or call the Santa Barbara County Immunization Program 805-346-8420

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