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It's Not Too Late to Vaccinate!

TWIN FALLS- **National Influenza Vaccination Week** (NIVW) kicks off Sunday, January 10, and continues through January 16. The week was established to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination, as well as preparing for a possible third wave of H1N1 flu.

While the number of people getting flu vaccinations has been unprecedented this flu season, most Idahoans still have not received the H1N1 flu vaccine. Availability has never been better, with more than 550,000 doses of the vaccine distributed in Idaho. Idahoans who have not been vaccinated now have a window of opportunity to protect themselves and their loved ones against the disease.

The South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is making vaccine available to the general public through free clinics (**by appointment only**) scheduled at SCPHD offices in Twin Falls, Jerome, Rupert, Gooding, Burley, and Bellevue throughout the month of January and possibly longer, depending on demand. To schedule an appointment, call 737-1137. Thousands of doses of vaccine have also been distributed to physicians and area pharmacies throughout SCPHD's eight county area.

One of the main goals of National Influenza Vaccination Week is to engage those at-risk of serious flu complications, those hesitant about vaccination, and those unsure of where to get vaccinated.

For more information about National Influenza Vaccination Week and how you can get involved in this event, visit the NIVW website: www.cdc.gov/flu/NIVW.

For more information on SCPHD H1N1 vaccination clinics, visit www.phd5.idaho.gov .
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