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COUNTY PARTNERS WITH PIH HEALTH TO OFFER FREE VACCINES TO RESIDENTS OF UNINCORPORATED WHITTIER

Influenza and Pneumonia Vaccines are the First and Most Important Step to Staying Healthy this Winter

South Whittier, November 7, 2012
– Winter is fast approaching which means it’s time to get pneumonia and flu vaccinations to help prevent these airborne illnesses. Today, the Community Resource Center (CRC) hosted its annual vaccination clinic in partnership with Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH) Health. Flu and pneumonia shots were given to over 60 low-income individuals residing in South Whittier and the surrounding communities. Outreach targeted residents who do not have health insurance and cannot afford the vaccinations, as well as high risk individuals with chronic illnesses, pregnant woman, and seniors who are 65 years or older.
“The influenza vaccine is the best protection against the disease, especially for older adults who are most vulnerable to the flu and its complications,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

The CRC is a project of the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC). Funded by the Fourth Supervisorial District, it works in collaboration with onsite service providers to offer health, wellness, and educational programs for families, seniors, and youth.

PIH Health is a nonprofit health care organization founded in 1959. PIH Health’s mission is to provide high-quality health care and continue its vision of contributing to the health and well-being of the neighborhoods it serves.

The CRC is located at 10750 Laurel Avenue in South Whittier. For information on services provided by the CRC, please call (562) 946-2425, or visit the website at www.swcrc.org. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (323) 890-7415.

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