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MEDIA ADVISORY

San Francisco Department of Public Health Announces Second Influenza Death

San Francisco – A second death due to influenza has been confirmed in San Francisco. The deceased was a nonelderly adult. The death was confirmed late Tuesday. The strain of influenza has not been identified; confirmation of the strain will take several days. When confirmed, the Flu Update Media Line and the weekly written update will be updated. No other information about this case will be released. The previous influenza death in a San Francisco resident this season occurred in late December.

San Francisco Department of Public Health staff will be available to answer questions:

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| WHEN | Today, 11AM-12PM |
| WHERE | 101 Grove Street, Room 300, San Francisco, CA 94102 |
| WHO | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Naveena Bobba, MD, MPH, Deputy Health Officer, Director Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response○ Cora Hoover, MD, MPH, Director, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention |

Throughout the 2013-14 influenza season, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) will update the media on influenza activity in San Francisco by two means:

- Daily recorded phone updates available at (415) 554-2905, SFDPH's Flu Update Media Line, which will be updated by 10AM each day and highlight any changes in San Francisco's flu status since the last update; and
- Weekly written updates posted at www.sfdcp.org/flu and sent via email to the media by 10AM each Friday and will provide information on flu prevention, flu-related deaths in San Francisco among residents under age 65, the availability of flu vaccine, and related online resources.

It is not too late to get vaccinated. Flu season is still widespread and expected to continue for several more months. The 2013-14 flu vaccine protects against H1N1 and other strains of the flu virus. To avoid getting sick and to prevent the spread of flu, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) recommends that residents:

- Get vaccinated. Residents six months and older should be vaccinated. Vaccines are available at health care provider offices and local pharmacies.
- Wash their hands frequently.
- Cover their noses and mouths when sneezing or coughing.
- Stay home from work/school if they are ill.

For those suspected of having the flu, antiviral treatment may be an option. Such residents should contact their health care provider for more information.

The mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans.

We shall ~ Assess and research the health of the community ~ Develop and enforce health policy ~ Prevent disease and injury ~
~ Educate the public and train health care providers ~ Provide quality, comprehensive, culturally-proficient health services ~ Ensure equal access to all ~

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