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Meningococcal Vaccine Available

Vaccine available for low-income and uninsured Los Angeles County residents

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services will be providing free meningococcal vaccine for low-income and uninsured residents in Los Angeles County. Amid the growing concern in the community, residents without health insurance may visit one of the health care facilities listed below for a free vaccination.

“Public Health and Health Services are sympathetic to the growing concerns of the community,” said Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, Director of Public Health and Health Officer.

Meningococcal meningitis disease is a rare infection of the lining of the brain and the spinal cord. The disease can cause brain damage, hearing loss, and even death. Many people can carry meningococcal bacteria in their nose and throat and not be sick. The bacteria can be spread by very close exposure to sneezing and coughing or direct contact with saliva (spit) or nose mucus (snot). Disease symptoms may include: fever, stiff neck, altered mental status, rash, severe headache, low blood pressure, and generalized muscle pains. Persons who have direct contact with the saliva or nose mucus of a person known to be infected with meningococcal meningitis should immediately contact their healthcare provider to receive appropriate antibiotic treatment.

“We support those who are concerned by providing the vaccine free of charge to those individuals without health insurance,” said Dr. Mitchell Katz, Director of Health Services.

Individuals are encouraged to contact their regular medical provider to determine if vaccination is appropriate. Those who are uninsured and already go to the Department of Health Services or a community clinic should also ask their doctor if vaccination is appropriate for them.

For more information regarding meningococcal meningitis disease, please visit the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention at <http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial.html>.

Listing of locations in Los Angeles County providing Meningococcal vaccine for individuals who are uninsured and low-income with no regular source of care can access vaccine through the following Department of Health Services Urgent Care sites:

H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center

2829 S. Grand Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90007
(213) 744-3701
7 Days a Week
8:00a.m. -12 Midnight

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

1000 W. Carson St.
Torrance, CA 90502
(310) 222-8111
Monday-Friday
8:00am – 11:00pm
Saturday/Sunday
10:00am- 5:00pm

High Desert Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (High Desert MACC)

44900 N. 60th St West
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 945-8520
7 Days a Week
8:00 am - 12 Midnight

Hubert H. Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center

5850 S. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90003
(323) 846-4269
7 Days a Week
8:00a.m. - 12 Midnight

LAC +USC Medical Center (Urgent Care is located in the Clinic Tower)

1100 N. State Street
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(323) 409-3753
Monday – Saturday
7:30am- 8:30pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (MLK MACC)

12021 S. Wilmington Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90059
(310) 668-4426
7 Days a Week
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Olive View-UCLA Medical Center

144454 Olive View Dr.

Sylmar, Ca. 91342

(818) 364-4311

Monday –Friday

8:00 am - 8:00pm

Saturday 8:00am – 4:00 pm

For more information regarding directions and hours, please go to:

<http://ladhs.org/wps/portal/UrgentCare>.

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