

Swine flu shots offered at CCC

The Clackamas College community will have a "sneak preview" of the nationwide swine flu inoculation program next week.

Free vaccinations will be offered to students and staff on Monday, Oct. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center Mall.

"We are hoping that evening students and faculty will take advantage of the later hours," said Bonnie Hartley, CCC student nurse. "This clinic is strictly for college students and staff -- it's not open to the outside community."

One advantage to this particular inoculation clinic is that it doesn't hurt.

"There's no needle," said Dr. Dan Risser, CCC health officer. "The Clackamas County Health Department will be using an air jet gun for the shots which will force the vaccine through the skin of the arm by great pressure."

All persons participating in the vaccine program will be given an information sheet relating to the inoculation and will receive counseling.

"Trained counselors will be asking everyone's age, whether they are allergic to eggs and whether they have had any illness within the past two days which involved a fever," said Hartley. "If they are allergic to eggs, or have had a fever they will not be allowed to take the vaccine."

Persons taking the inoculation will also be asked to sign consent forms, a general procedure required by the U.S. Public Health Department for the swine flu vaccination program.

"This is only for this vaccine because it is such a widespread program," said Dr. Risser. "A real reason is because the United States government has taken responsibility for possible side effects. This is interesting because our tax dollars have to pay if anyone has an adverse reaction."

Most people have no physical reaction at all, according to Dr. Risser.

The swine flu is formally known as Influenza A New Jersey, said Dr. Risser. It is a sub-type of influenza that is found in swine or hogs. It was first isolated in a military base in New Jersey last February.

"This is felt to be the same sub-type of influenza that caused the Spanish flu epidemic between 1918 and 1920," said Dr. Risser. "That epidemic had a higher mortality rate than any flu epidemic to this date. Twenty million persons died worldwide."

The exact symptoms of swine flu aren't known as of this date. However, "approximately 80 percent of the people vaccinated" would be protected if there was an epidemic, said Dr. Risser. "Influenza vaccines are in

general less effective than measles or vaccines."

Doctors have said that persons between 18 and 60 years old should receive the vaccine in monovalent form. Persons with a serious chronic illness including heart disease, asthma, diabetes will get a bivalent vaccine.

Both types of vaccine will be available from the county health department on Monday, said Dr. Risser.

"Persons under 18 are not advised to take the vaccine because of higher side effects," said Dr. Risser. There will be less chance of a "take" of the vaccine in the younger people, he said.

Because of the large crowd that is expected, CCC nursing students will be assisting health department officials in giving and counseling.

Hartley stressed that those persons taking the vaccine who wish to give blood for the Red Cross Blood Drive set for the campus Oct. 27 should feel free to do so.

"It is alright to give blood 24 hours after this type of vaccine has been taken," she said.

The campus will have two more swine flu vaccination clinics in November. They will be open to the families of students, staff and the general public. The dates for these clinics will be announced at a later date, said Hartley.

Community school okayed for Oregon City

After three years of waiting, Oregon City residents will be able to enjoy the benefits of a community school program.

Clackamas Community College and the Oregon City School District came to an agreement at the Oct. 13 College Board of Education meeting, to enter into a cooperative program to fund the community school program in Oregon City.

This will make the area served by Clackamas Community College the first in the nation to offer community school programs to all its citizens.

Under this program the college, the school districts, and in some cases the cities, join together to provide resources and funding to hire a coordinator to identify local needs and then develop educational programs to meet these needs.

The local school districts will provide rent free use of their facilities and then work with the college, which provides instructors and resources to offer a variety of classes, including both recreational and college credit courses.

Cooperative funding and resources sharing agreements are already in effect with the North Clackamas School District, Estacada, Colton, West Linn, Canby, Molalla, and Gladstone. The Oregon City program is expected to begin Jan. 1, 1977.

In other official action at the Oct. 13 meeting, the board officially ratified the 1976-77 contract for teachers' salaries. The new contract calls for an across the board six per cent salary increase and an increase of one-half of one per cent in college contributions to health and welfare items.

The board also gave its go ahead for the planning phase of a proposed classroom-faculty office bridge to connect McLoughlin and Randall Halls. The project is to be planned and submitted for possible federal funding under a Public Works Grant Program designed to improve regional employment opportunities.

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