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Tarrant County Public Health reports its sixth flu-related death

A Tarrant County male in his late 50s died of a flu-related illness last month. Laboratory results confirmed that he had the H1N1 influenza. The hospital provided notification of the death to Tarrant County Public Health today. He also was in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's target groups recommended to receive the H1N1 vaccine.

In order to comply with federal privacy laws, Tarrant County Public Health cannot provide additional identifying information.

Controlling the transmission of flu is a communitywide responsibility that begins with basic prevention measures such as good hand-washing practices, covering your cough and sneeze, avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth, staying away from others when you are sick and getting your seasonal flu vaccination and H1N1 vaccination when available.

More H1N1 vaccine is expected, and when it arrives, Tarrant County Public Health will work as quickly as possible to dispense it," said Tarrant County Public Health Director Lou Brewer. "As soon as we know which segments of the target groups the vaccine is designated for, we will announce the distribution details and post all of the information on our Web site."

People are reminded to regularly check with physicians, hospitals, retail pharmacies and clinics for the H1N1 vaccine.

For the seasonal or H1N1 flu information in Tarrant County, check the Tarrant County Public Health Web site at <http://health.tarrantcounty.com> or call the department's customer service phone line at 817-321-4700.