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“Vote and Vaccinate” on Election Day 2006

Voters at two Pinellas County election precincts with a significant number of at-risk senior citizens will receive **free flu shots** from the **Pinellas County Health Department** during the election on **Tuesday, November 7** as part of the ***Vote and Vaccinate*** program.

Vote and Vaccinate brings together the Florida Department of Health (DOH), County Health Departments, the Florida Board of Elections, individual counties and county Supervisors of Election in a unique community health effort. In conjunction with the November general election, the program will target minority senior citizens, who are the least likely get a flu shot. About half of the estimated 100 million Americans who will vote on November 7 are 50 or older.

The Pinellas County Health Department selected the precincts based on guidance and data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). According to CDC data, the likelihood of receiving a flu shot varies greatly depending on an individual's ethnicity, race and education. The Pinellas locations were selected because they have a significant portion of voters who are minority seniors

The two Pinellas County ***Vote and Vaccinate*** scheduled locations are:

- **8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 812 E. Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs (Precincts #712/713)
- **Noon-2:30 p.m.**, Christ Gospel Church, 2515 22nd Ave. S., St. Petersburg (Precinct #113)

For information about *Vote and Vaccinate*, visit

www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/immune/flu/vote_vaccinate_2006.htm.

For **comprehensive election information**, call the Pinellas County Elections Office at (727) 464-6108 or go to **www.votepinellas.com** .

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