



ONLY USE 911 FOR TRUE EMERGENCIES:

Recently, there has been a significant increase of patients requesting 911 services for flu-like symptoms. These are non-emergency requests which can cause a delay in 911 services for true emergencies. The Merced County Department of Public Health would like to remind everyone to only call 911 in the case of a life-threatening emergency. If necessary, schedule a visit with your regular health care provider or visit urgent care.

What you can do to prevent the spread of flu:

- Get your flu shot
- Wash your hands often
- Stay home when sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Wipe down surfaces and commonly used items, such as remotes, often
- Drink lots of water and get lots of sleep

REMEMBER: Save emergency services for true emergencies!