



WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN: SEASONAL FLU SHOTS FOR ALL AGES NOW AVAILABLE

JOLIET – The Will County Health Department began offering walk-in seasonal flu shots for children (ages 3-18 years), at its immunization clinic located in the 1106 Neal Avenue Community Health Center facility in Joliet Thursday, October 21.

Flu shots for children are also available (by appointment only), at Health Department branch office locations in Bolingbrook (323 Quadrangle), and University Park (44 Town Center). To schedule an appointment, telephone 815-740-8143.

The Health Department now has flu vaccine available for people of all ages. The National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend flu shots for virtually everyone six months or older. Shots are especially important for individuals at high risk for influenza complications.

High risk groups include: people 50 years and older, people between six months and 18 years old, people between 19 and 50 years old with chronic medical conditions, pregnant women, health care providers, and contacts to infants younger than six months old. Individuals allergic to eggs, and persons with a history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome should not be immunized.

Adult flu shots cost \$27. Shots for infants, and children, cost \$16.75. No one will be turned away due to a true inability to pay.

Medicare part B will cover the cost of a flu shot and Medicaid is accepted.

Pregnant women must present with an order from their OB physician. Persons with HMO coverage must go to their primary care physician for the shot to be covered.

Walk-in shots at the 1106 Neal Avenue immunization clinic are available each Monday and Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday hours are from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-6 p.m. Friday hours are 8:30 a.m. until noon; no shots are available on the fourth Friday monthly.



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Questions about the 2010-2011 flu vaccine should be directed to your health care provider. Questions may also be directed to the Will County Health Department Immunization Desk at 815-740-8143. You may also email questions to info@willcountyhealth.org.

The Will County Immunization Information Line is available 24 hours daily at 815-774-7360.