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THIRD EASTERN WILL COUNTY ADULT FLU CLINIC SET

JOLIET – The Will County Health Department is teaming with Southland Senior Services to sponsor an adult-only seasonal flu clinic September 29.

The walk-in clinic is scheduled at the Southland Senior Services facility located at 25864 S. Chestnut Road, Monee, 60449. You must be a Will County resident (18 years of age or older), to attend this special event. The clinic is scheduled for 9-11 a.m.

Shots provided at the Monee clinic will cost \$27, and will provide protection against two strains of type A flu virus, including the H1N1 strain responsible for more than 250,000 U.S. hospitalizations and thousands of fatalities during the 2009-2010 flu season. A strain of the type B flu virus is also included in the 2010-2011 trivalent vaccine.

Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Clinic attendees should bring their Social Security card and a picture I.D.

Pregnant women must have an order from their OB physician to receive a shot. Persons with egg allergies and individuals with a history of Guillain-Barré syndrome should not be immunized. Questions regarding the advisability of a 2010-2011 flu shot should be directed to a physician.

The Health Department and the Senior Services Center of Will County are also co-sponsoring walk-in, adult-only community flu clinics October 7, in Frankfort and New Lenox. Vaccine will be available at the Frankfort Township Hall (11000 W. Lincoln Highway), from 9-11 a.m. The New Lenox VFW Post 9545 (323 Old Hickory Road), will host a clinic from 1-3 p.m.

According to the National Centers for Disease Control, virtually everyone could benefit from a 2010-2011 flu shot. Vaccine is especially vital for persons at high risk for flu complications. The high-risk groups include: persons age 50 years and older, pregnant women, children from six months to 18 years old, persons between 19-50 years old with chronic medical conditions, health care providers, care givers, and contacts of infants younger than six months old.



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The Health Department's Immunization Information Line offers prerecorded messages discussing flu shots for children and adults, plus an available pneumonia vaccine recommended for seniors and individuals with long-term health problems that reduce resistance to infection. The Information Line is available any time at 815-774-7360.

Flu shots for children and adults will also be provided by appointment only at the Health Department's Eastern Branch Office in University Park (44 Town Center), once sufficient vaccine stocks are available. To schedule an appointment, or to inquire about any Will County Health Department immunization service, telephone 815-740-8143.