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WILL COUNTY ADULT COMMUNITY FLU CLINICS SCHEDULED

JOLIET – If you want to get a leg up on the 2010-2011 flu season, the Will County Adult Community Flu Clinic series may be just what the doctor ordered.

The National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recommend that people get their seasonal flu shots early this year to protect against three strains of the virus expected to circulate nationally during the next several months. Millions of Americans are expected to receive flu protection during the coming weeks. Plans call for six Will County walk-in community clinics to help area residents wishing to get an early vaccination before cold weather arrives for good.

The annual Will County Community Adult Flu Clinic series is cosponsored by the Will County Health Department and the Senior Services Center of Will County. You must be a Will County resident 18 years of age or older to attend one of these special clinics, which are scheduled for Joliet, Lockport, New Lenox, Frankfort, Romeoville, and Wilmington from September 27, through October 19.

Shots provided at one of the 2010-2011 adult community clinics 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. Medicare is accepted. A strain of the type B flu virus is also included in the 2010-2011 vaccine.

According to the CDC, virtually everyone would 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 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. 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-Barrè syndrome should not be immunized. Persons are urged to consult a physician regarding the advisability of an annual flu shot.



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The Health Department has established a prerecorded telephone message listing the 2010-2011 walk-in community clinics. You may telephone 815-740-7632 any time. Questions regarding the 2010-2011 clinic series may also be directed to info@willcountyhealth.org.

The Health Department will also offer flu shots for adults and children once vaccine is received. Vaccine is expected to arrive prior to the end of September. All flu clinics are subject to vaccine availability.

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 infections. The Immunization Line is available any time at 815-774-7360.