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Public Health to Open Flu Shot Clinics to General Public

October 24 Clinic to be Held at Public Health Main Building in Champaign

Public Health will offer its third adult flu shot clinic on Monday, October 24, and will open the clinic to all adults, regardless of age or health status.

Its first flu clinic on October 17 was limited to adults at high risk for complications from the flu. At that clinic Public Health nurses dispensed more than 130 flu shots to adults in the high-risk categories.

Tomorrow (Wednesday, October 19) Public Health will hold a flu shot clinic for adults and children displaced from the Gulf Coast by Hurricane Katrina. That event will be held at the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Illinois Terminal, 45 E. University, in Champaign. This clinic will be from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on the second floor of the Illinois Terminal, Room #202.

The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District has ordered 1,500 adult and 250 child doses of influenza vaccine for the season and has received a total of 600 adult and 180 child doses of vaccine so far.

Parents seeking flu shots for their children may call Public Health at (217) 531-4317 to schedule an appointment.

While the clinic on the 24th is open to all, health officials continue to urge people 65 years of age and older, those with chronic medical conditions, residents of long-term care facilities and health care workers with direct patient care to get flu shots. Pregnant women and adults who care for children less than six months of age are also encouraged to come in for a flu shot.

Pneumonia shots are also available at all flu shot clinics.

Other flu shot clinics will be scheduled as supply of vaccine allows. For information about Public Health flu clinics, call (217) 531-4252. For a list of all flu shot clinics offered in Champaign County go to www.cuphd.org.

Adult flu shots cost \$18.70; Adult pneumonia shots cost \$29.70. Child vaccines are available free of charge to children who are uninsured, underinsured or on Medicaid. Children who are Native Americans or Alaska Natives are also eligible for free flu and pneumonia shots. Again, call (217) 531-4317 to schedule flu shots for children.

No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

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