

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Update

The Durham County Health Department (DCHD) has received a shipment of 400 doses of fee for service injectable seasonal influenza vaccine for adults and now has a sufficient supply of seasonal influenza vaccine for all ages. Walk in clinic are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. while vaccine supplies last. The DCHD Immunization Clinic is closed the first Wednesday afternoon of every month and will be closed on the afternoon of December 16<sup>th</sup>. The fee for adults receiving influenza vaccine is \$25.00 with the exception of those that have Medicare Part B or Medicaid, in which case the vaccine is free.

Free state-supplied influenza vaccine is available for **all children 6 months through 18 years of age** regardless of insurance status and for any uninsured, non-Medicaid patient, regardless of age who will be pregnant during the influenza season, and who is being served by DCHD in any capacity.

The CDC states that vaccination to prevent influenza is particularly important for the following persons those who are at increased risk for severe complications from influenza, or at higher risk for influenza-related outpatient, emergency department, or hospital visits:

- All children aged 6 months-through 4 years (59 months);
- All persons aged 50 years or older;
- Children and adolescents (aged 6 months through 18 years) who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and who might be at risk for experiencing Reye Syndrome after influenza virus infection;
- Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- adults and children who have chronic pulmonary (including asthma) or cardiovascular (except hypertension), renal, hepatic, neurological/neuromuscular, hematologic, or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);
- Adults and children who have immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by HIV); and
- Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.

To prevent transmission to persons identified above, vaccination is also recommended for the following persons:

- Health care providers;
- Household contacts (including children) and caregivers of children aged less than 5 years and adults aged 50 years or older; and
- Household contacts (including children) and caregivers of persons with medical conditions that put them at higher risk for severe complications from influenza.

For the latest information regarding DCHD vaccine availability and the influenza clinics, please call the DCHD Flu Shot Information Line at **(919) 560-7378**. For individual health related questions, please contact your primary health care provider.