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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL FLU SHOT CLINIC
Public Urged to Get Flu Shot Before Influenza Virus Begins Circulating in County**

YPSILANTI, Mich., November 14, 2007—Washtenaw County Public Health Department officials today announced they would hold an additional flu shot clinic for the general public and Washtenaw County employees at the Health Department on Monday, November 26. The Washtenaw County Public Health Department is located at 555 Towner Street in Ypsilanti. Clinic hours will be as follows:

General Public

Hours: 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Location: 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti, Room 107 (Towner Building #2)
Cost: - Flu Shot = \$20
- Preservative-free Flu Shot (ages 6 - 35 months) = \$20
- Preservative-free Flu Shot (ages 3 years and older, if available) = \$25
- Flu Mist (nasal vaccine, if available) = \$25

Washtenaw County Employees

Hours: 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Location: 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti, Room 107 (Towner Building #2)
Cost: - Flu Shot = Free (with County ID)
- Preservative-free Flu Shot (ages 3 years and older, if available) = Free (with County ID)
- Flu Mist (nasal vaccine, if available) = Free (with County ID)

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General Information

- These are walk-in clinics. No appointment is needed.
- Flu shots are available to anyone 6 months and older.
- Flu Mist may be offered, depending on availability.
- Preservative-free flu vaccine is available in limited quantities.
- For faster service, print off and fill out the [Influenza Vaccine Consent](#) form and bring it to the clinic.

Flu Vaccine Appointments

The Health Department is not currently taking new appointments for influenza vaccine. Once the November 26 clinic has concluded, we will reassess the amount of vaccine available and decide whether to take new appointments. **Please call (734) 544-6770 after November 26.**

For More Information

For more information about Washtenaw County Public Health Department clinics, please visit: http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public_health/ph_clinics.html

For a fact sheet about flu shots and influenza from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit: http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public_health/phcontent/flu_vis_07-08.pdf

Fast Facts about Influenza in Michigan and Washtenaw County

- As of November 8, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has reported no confirmed cases of influenza in Michigan.
- For tracking purposes, the influenza season officially begins on October 1 in Michigan, although influenza cases typically peak across the state during January and February.
- Statewide, the first confirmed cases of influenza are usually reported during the November-December timeframe, which indicates influenza is circulating among the population.
- In 2006, the Washtenaw County Public Health Department reported the County's first confirmed case of influenza on December 5.
- Influenza will infect 5-20 percent of the U.S. population, hospitalize 200,000 people nationwide with influenza complications and kill 36,000 a year.

“Many people travel and congregate during the period from Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day, exposing themselves and others to influenza,” said Washtenaw County Public Health Department Epidemiologist Laura Bauman. “The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tell us that the shot should prevent influenza in about 70%-90% of healthy persons younger than 65-years-old. In higher-risk groups, the flu shot still provides substantial protection against severe illness,” Bauman said. “Getting a flu vaccination prior to peak influenza season is your best chance to protect yourself, your loved ones and others.”

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