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SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINICS NOW OFFERING FLU VACCINE

Flu vaccine available at all public health clinics beginning October 3, 2022

SHELBY COUNTY, TN – On Monday, October 3, 2022, Shelby County Health Department will begin offering influenza vaccine at our two Immunization Clinics at 814 Jefferson and Collierville and at our five public health clinics located around Shelby County. The vaccine is available at no cost to those with health insurance and on a sliding fee scale for those without insurance.

Vaccination against the influenza virus is recommended for anyone over the age of 6 months. Everyone is at risk, especially during influenza season, which usually runs from October to May each year, with the most cases in our region usually reported in February.

Influenza can cause serious illness and sometimes death. Certain groups of people are especially vulnerable and are strongly advised to get the vaccine:

- Children younger than 5 years of age—especially those younger than 2 years old—are at high risk of serious flu-related complications. The flu vaccine can protect them from the flu virus and prevent them from spreading it to others.
- Women who are currently pregnant or plan to become pregnant during the flu season are at increased risk of flu complications and should get the vaccine.
- Caregivers of children aged 5 and younger and household contacts and caregivers of adults with medical conditions that put them at increased risk.
- The flu vaccine is especially recommended for people with certain health conditions including:
 - Chronic lung diseases, including asthma
 - Heart disease

- Diabetes
- Immunosuppression due to medication or illness
- Obesity

Getting a flu shot also helps protect those in our community who can't get the vaccination, such as babies under 6 months of age and people with a severe allergy to the vaccine.

The flu vaccine is available at all Shelby County Health Department clinics from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Note: the Collierville clinic is only open on Tuesday and Thursday. No appointment is necessary at any of these public health clinics.

Cawthon Public Health Clinic

1000 Haynes, 38114

Collierville Public Health Clinic (Tuesday and Thursday **Only, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

167 Washington St., 38017

Hickory Hill Public Health Clinic

6590 Kirby Center Cove, 38118

Immunization Clinic

814 Jefferson, Rm. 216, 38105

Millington Public Health Clinic

8225 Highway 51 North, 38053

Southland Mall Public Health Clinic

1287 Southland Mall, 38116

Shelby Crossing Public Health Clinic

1826 Sycamore View Road, 38134

The Immunization Clinic at 814 Jefferson and the Shelby Crossing Clinic at 1826 Sycamore View Road also offer COVID-19 vaccines, including the new bivalent boosters. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, receiving the flu vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccines at the same time is both safe and effective.

For more information about influenza and the flu vaccine, visit our website:

www.shelbytnhealth.com.

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