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DCHHS offers free flu vaccine beginning this week

Dallas County Health and Human Services officials announced that free flu immunizations will be given to the public during National Influenza Vaccination Week and throughout this flu season.

National Influenza Vaccination Week began Dec. 4.

The vaccine will be available for free in both the adult and children's immunization clinics on the first floor of the DCHHS building at 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway in Dallas.

The adult immunization clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The children's immunization clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Wednesdays, the children's clinic closes at 6 p.m.

The flu vaccine is also available for both children and adults at our other clinic locations: 3312 N. Buckner Boulevard, Suite 200 in Dallas; 1113 E. Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 200 in Dallas; 8202 Spring Valley Road, Suite #200 in Dallas; 440 South Nursery Road, in Irving and 2774 Valwood Parkway in Farmers Branch.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that flu activity remains low across the country. Minimal flu activity continues to be reported in Dallas County.

"This offer is one that should be hard to pass up," said DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson. "Parents should come and get the whole family vaccinated before the brunt of the flu season is upon us."

National Influenza Vaccination Week is a national observance that was established to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination.

The flu vaccine is recommended for almost everyone except children younger than 6 months of age and people who have severe allergies to eggs. According to the CDC, the vaccine is the best means of flu prevention.

This year's flu vaccine is an all-in-one inoculation that offers protection against multiple flu strains including the H1N1 virus. Some children under the age of 9 years old may need two doses of the vaccine.

Appointments aren't necessary. Patients should call 214-819-2162 or 214-819-2163 for more information.

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