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## **Kroger Health Hosts Flu Vaccination Event in Dallas**

**Kroger partners with Dallas County Health & Human Services and American Airlines Center for September 26 drive-thru flu vaccinations for community**

DALLAS, Texas – Kroger Health, the healthcare division of The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR), Dallas County Health & Human Services (DCHHS), and American Airlines Center announce partnership as part of comprehensive flu shot program designed to help the Dallas community get their recommended vaccines amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kroger Health will offer drive-thru vaccinations on Saturday, September 26, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Silver Parking garage at the American Airlines Center.

"In light of the challenges we may face from both the flu virus and COVID-19 this fall, Kroger Health is proud to partner with Dallas County Health & Human Services and the American Airlines Center to host this one-day event, offering flu shots by our certified immunizers, in the safety of the individual's vehicle." said Jeff Loesch, PharmD, RPh and Dallas division health and wellness director for Kroger Health. "In particular, we wanted to provide an efficient way for our seniors to receive the recommended high dose formulation of the flu shot while minimizing the risk of potential exposure in the general public."

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that during an average flu season, 8% of the U.S. population gets sick from the flu, with an average of 500,000 flu-related hospitalizations. Since March, more than 370,000 Americans have already been hospitalized as a result of COVID-19, marking the potential for a significant burden on the already taxed healthcare system.

"The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. During the COVID-19 pandemic, getting a flu vaccine during 2020-2021 will be more important than ever. This drive thru event will help many Dallas County residents", said Dr. Philip Huang, Director of Dallas County Health & Human Services.

Kroger Health's recent COVID-19 drive-thru test sites were able to assist thousands of people in getting tested in a short amount of time. By using that model to provide flu shots, Kroger Health will have the capacity to administer up to 600 vaccinations during the one-day event.

#### Event Detail

- To receive a flu shot, individuals must make an appointment online at [krogerhealth.com/flu](https://krogerhealth.com/flu). Our easy online pre-visit paperwork helps to reduce contact.
- Or for assistance in making an appointment, contact the DCHHS Call Center at 972-692-2780.
- Flu shots will be provided to both insured and uninsured patients, ages 7 and up.
- Flu shots are available at no out of pocket cost to those with Medicare B and are also fully covered by many insurance plans. Please bring identification as well as your insurance card.
- For the safety of patients and the healthcare team, vaccinations are limited to one arm per vehicle door. Please wear short sleeves.

For more information on all Kroger Health flu programs for both individuals and organizations, please visit [krogerhealth.com](https://krogerhealth.com).

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Kroger Health, the healthcare division of The Kroger Co., is one of America's leading retail healthcare organizations, with over 2,200 pharmacies and 220 clinics (called The Little Clinic) in 35 states serving more than 14 million customers. Our team of 22,000 healthcare practitioners - from pharmacists and nurse practitioners, to dietitians and technicians – are committed to helping people live healthier lives. We believe in practicing at the top of our licenses and enabling "food as medicine" to help prevent and manage chronic disease. We are dedicated to providing testing and wellness services to help Americans combat the COVID-19 crisis. Learn more at [www.krogerhealth.com](https://www.krogerhealth.com).

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