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Flu Shots for Children Are Now Available at DCHHS Immunization Clinics

DALLAS (Oct. 10, 2020) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is offering the seasonal flu vaccine at all of its seven clinics for children eligible for Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC).

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), getting the flu vaccine is more important than ever during 2020-2021 to protect yourself, your family and your community from flu. A flu vaccine this season can also help reduce the burden on our healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and save medical resources for care of COVID-19 patients.

Dallas County residents from birth to age 18 in the following categories are eligible to receive the flu vaccine from DCHHS under the TVFC program:

- Medicaid eligible
- Uninsured: a child what has not health insurance coverage
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Enrolled in Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Underinsured (as defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services): a child who has commercial (private) health insurance, but coverage does not include vaccines: a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (TVFC-eligible for non-covered vaccines only); or a child whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount. Once that coverage amount is reached, the child is categorized as underinsured. Insured children with vaccine coverage who have high copays or deductibles are no longer considered underinsured. These children are not considered fully, privately insured and are no longer eligible for TVFC vaccines.

The cost is \$10 for new patients and \$5 for returning patients. Waivers are granted to families in need.

To find out whether a child is eligible for TVFC, check with the insurance provider to determine whether immunizations are covered.

"The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. During the COVID-19 pandemic and schools reopening, getting your child a flu vaccine, this year will be more important than ever," said Dr. Philip Huang, Director of DCHHS.

Due to COVID-19, the immunization clinics will be by appointment only and will adhere to the recommended health and safety protocols. In effort to avoid large crowds, no walk-ins will be accepted. DCHHS has seven clinics, most are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Call a clinic near you to make your child's appointment.

- DCHHS, 2377 N. Stemmons Fwy, #159 (1st floor), 214-819-2163 or 214-819-1903
- Carrollton/Farmers Branch, 2774 Valwood Pkwy, Farmers Branch, 972-241-2864
- John West Branch, 3312 N. Buckner Blvd, #200, 214-321-5747
- North Dallas Branch, 8202 Spring Valley Rd, #200, 214-328-0926
- Oak Cliff Branch, 1113 E. Jefferson Blvd, #200, 214-948-0425
- Irving Branch, 440 S. Nursery Rd, Irving, 469-941-3470
- Grand Prairie Branch, 1413 Densman St, Grand Prairie, 972-642-5962 (*Wednesdays only*)

For more information visit : <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/immunization-hours.php>

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