

2017 - FLU Press Release – Fulton County Health Department

Summer has passed and the season for spreading the influenza virus from one person to another is quickly approaching! Kim Cupp, Health Commissioner at Fulton County Health Department reminds residents that one of the best ways to protect yourself from this respiratory illness is to get vaccinated! “The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends annual influenza vaccination for all people age six months of age and older.”

Today, there are many convenient opportunities for people to be vaccinated. Local pharmacies have been providing flu vaccines for several weeks now. Your physician’s office and community urgent care facilities are also providing flu vaccines to their patients. In September, your Fulton County Health Department will provide flu shots to adults by appointment every Monday. An adult walk-in clinic will be held on September 28 at the Health Department offices. The complete schedule for all other community-based clinics follows and is posted on the Health Department website. Two “Family Flu Clinics” are planned and children can also be vaccinated against the flu in our regular immunization clinics.

Because there are so many opportunities for both adults and children to be vaccinated throughout the county, the number of people vaccinated in some of the community-based clinics has declined. As a result, the Health Department is focusing its flu shot efforts in communities where adults and children do not have access to a physician, pharmacy, clinic, or urgent care that can provide the vaccine to all individuals in their community. Clinics will be held in Delta, Fayette, Lyons, Metamora, and Swanton. In contrast, the Archbold community has two pharmacies that provide flu vaccines to adults and children. Depending on the pharmacist’s certification, they vaccinate children beginning at age 7 or age 14. Administrators at Parkview FirstCare confirm they will vaccinate adults and children age 6 months and older. Parkview Physicians Group – Family Medicine in Archbold will also vaccinate their patients age 6 months and older. A community Health Department clinic will not be held in Archbold this year. A survey of other pharmacies throughout the county confirm they will vaccinate adults and children aged seven and above on a walk-in basis.

When you head out to get your flu shot, it is important to know about the types of vaccines available. For children and adults up to age 65, there are two options provided by vaccine manufacturers. A quadrivalent vaccine provides protection against two strains of influenza A and two strains of influenza B viruses. A trivalent vaccine protects against two influenza A strains but only one influenza B strain. Be sure to ask for quadrivalent vaccine if possible.

For adults age 65 and above, the High-dose vaccine is given by the Health Department and other local providers. High-dose vaccine has been available for seven years and has four

times the amount of antigen in order to provide a better immune response in mature adults. You may have also seen television advertisements for a new vaccine, Fluad. This vaccine contains the MF59 adjuvant, also touted to increase the immune response in persons age 65 and older. Your healthcare provider can advise which vaccine is best for you.

This year all flu vaccines contain the A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus, A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)-like virus, and the B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus (Victoria Lineage). The quadrivalent vaccine contains the above three strains plus the additional B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (Yamagata lineage) strain.

Your Health Department is contracted with eight health insurance companies, a majority of the Medicare plans, and Medicaid. The cost of the vaccination will be billed to these plans. If you have a plan with whom the Health Department is not contracted, the cost is \$45 for quadrivalent vaccine for children and adults through age 64. The high-dose vaccine for persons age 65 and above is \$65. A sliding fee scale is available for the administration fee if the person is uninsured. The important thing is to get vaccinated!

The Fulton County Health Department will be offering vaccinations at 606 S. Shoop Avenue and other locations on the dates and times listed below. For updates, visit us at our website at www.fultoncountyhealthdept.com.

- ❖ Clinic By Appointment Call 419-337-0915 to make appointment. Adults preferred.
 Mondays beginning September 11, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (month of September)
 Thursday, September 14 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 Wednesdays beginning October 4, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
- ❖ Walk-In Clinics for Adults
 September 28 Thursday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Mondays, beginning October 2, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
 Mondays & Wednesdays beginning November 1, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
- ❖ Walk-In Clinics for Adults at other locations
 October 2 Monday 1:00-3:00 pm Wyse Commons, Archbold
 October 3 Tuesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm Road to Wellness, St Caspar Church
 October 12 Thursday 10:00 am-12:00 Noon Fulton Co Senior Center, Wauseon
- ❖ Family Flu Clinic For children and their parents. Call 419-337-0915 to make appointment.
 October 12 Thursday 2:00–6:00 pm
 November 9 Thursday 2:00–6:00 pm
 Will also be given during regular immunization clinics when available 1st & 3rd Thursday of Every Month from 2:00-6:00 pm and every Friday from 8:30 am-12:00 Noon
- ❖ Community Walk-In Clinics (Adults and Children)

October 5	Thursday	Delta Open Door	3:00-5:30 pm
		104 Monroe St. Delta, OH	
October 16	Monday	Lyons Fire Station	3:00-5:30 pm
		W. Morenci St. Lyons, OH	
October 17	Tuesday	Fayette Family Life Center	2:00-5:30 pm
		305 E. Main St. Fayette, OH	
October 23	Monday	Evergreen Community Library	3:00-5:30 pm
		253 Maple St. Metamora OH	
October 30	Monday	Swanton Public Library	3:00-5:30 pm
		305 Chestnut St. Swanton OH	

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