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Health Department Schedules Flu Clinics Throughout Iroquois County

Iroquois County -The Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD) released the 2015 flu clinic schedule today. "We are excited about getting started with our flu clinics," said Dee Ann Schippert, RN, BSN, Public Health Administrator. Schippert said clinics have been scheduled throughout Iroquois County in order to provide easy access for all residents.

"The CDC and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) are strongly advising vaccinations for everyone 6 months of age or older," said Vonda Pruitt, RN, Director of Nursing for the health department. "We look forward to providing flu vaccines for adults at our public clinics. Children, as well as adults who are uninsured or underinsured will need to call the health department to schedule an appointment for vaccination," said Pruitt, "as they may be eligible for IDPH supplied vaccine that will not be available at public clinics." Another important note, according to Pruitt, is that children age 8 and under may require 2 vaccinations at least one month apart to achieve immunity. Health Department staff will need to review prior vaccination information on the child in order to make this determination. Pruitt also stated, a physician's order is required prior to giving a vaccination to pregnant or breastfeeding women.

Mrs. Schippert said there is still a small percentage of the population that believes you can get the flu from the flu shot. "There is no live virus in the flu vaccines we provide. It is impossible to "get the flu" from the vaccine. The vaccines we utilize today are approved by the Food and Drug Administration and are very safe. It takes up to 2 weeks for protection to develop after the shot and there is the rare occasion when a person will become ill during that period of time. The illness **is not** from the flu vaccine. The person either had contracted the flu virus prior to achieving immunity or is suffering from another illness having same or similar symptoms as the flu." Mrs. Schippert also noted that the flu vaccine that will be administered at public clinics this year is a quadrivalent vaccine which offers protection against 4 different strains of flu; is preservative free, containing **no** Thimerosal or Mercury; and will be administered using syringes that are latex free.

As in the past, it is requested that those attending a clinic wear a shirt or blouse that provides easy access to the vaccination site. Persons on Medicare are required to present their card at the time of vaccination. Those **not** having Medicare Parts A & B or Health Alliance as their primary insurer will be required to pay for their vaccinations at time of service. The cost is \$35.00 per dose. A receipt will be provided to enable those with other insurance coverage to obtain reimbursement.

Attached is a schedule of clinics offered in Iroquois County:

2015
Iroquois County Public Health Department
(ICPHD)
Flu Clinic Schedule



For information
 Call the Iroquois County
 Public Health Department
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Date	Location	Time
9/24/2015	ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant St. Watseka	4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
9/28/2015	ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant St. Watseka	1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
10/1/2015	ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant St. Watseka	9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
10/2/2015	ABRA, Sheldon	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
10/5/2015	Iroquois Farmer's State Bank Iroquois	9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
10/5/2015	Curby's TruValu, Beaverville	12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M.
10/6/2015	Loda United Methodist Church Loda	10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
10/6/2015	Creekside Terrace, Cissna Park	1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
10/7/2015	Countryside Villas, Presence Merkle-Knipprath, Clifton	3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
10/8/2015	Heritage Woods, Watseka	10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
10/9/2015	ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant St. Watseka	1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
10/13/2015	ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant St. Watseka	9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
10/13/2015	U of I Cooperative Extension Office, Onarga	1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
10/15/2015	The Arc, Watseka	11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
10/16/2015	ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant St. Watseka	1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
10/17/2015	Big R, Watseka	9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
10/20/2015	ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant St. Watseka	4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
10/22/2015	Crescent City Community Center, Crescent City	1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
10/23/2015	ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant St. Watseka	9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
10/23/2015	Milford Depot, Milford	1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
10/26/2015	ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant St. Watseka	9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
10/28/2015	ICPHD, 1001 E. Grant St. Watseka	4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
10/29/2015	Chebanse Community Building Chebanse	1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Who needs a flu vaccine?

Even healthy people can get the flu. Protect yourself and your loved ones.

Get vaccinated.

www.cdc.gov/flu

