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## Health Department Schedules Flu Clinics Throughout Iroquois County

Iroquois County -The Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD) released the 2016 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 first flu clinic is on Monday, September 12, in the County Board Room at the Administrative Center. You can pay your property taxes and get a flu shot all at one location. Also added this year are walk-in flu clinics at the health department on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. throughout the flu season.

“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 may also receive the flu vaccine by scheduling an appointment at our office.” 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 clothing that provides easy access to the vaccination site. The cost is \$35 per dose. If you have coverage for the flu vaccine through Medicare or one of the following listed insurance companies, the Iroquois County Public Health Department can bill them directly. ICPHD can currently bill Aetna, BlueCross/Blue Shield of IL PPO, Health Alliance, HealthLink PPO and HealthLink HMO. The health department will be able to bill Cigna as of October 15 and is currently working on a contract with United Healthcare. 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.

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**Iroquois County Public Health Department**  
**1001 East Grant Street**  
**Watseka, IL 60970**  
**Flu Clinic Schedule for 2016**

The Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD) is offering  
**WALK-IN FLU CLINICS**  
**Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
 Beginning September 12, 2016.  
 Other clinics offered are listed below.  
 Choose a time and location convenient for you!

Date	Location	Time
9/12/2016	County Board Room Administrative Center, Watseka	9:00 A.M – 4:00 P.M.
9/28/2016	ICPHD, Watseka	4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
10/1/2016	Big R, Watseka	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
10/4/2016	ABRA, Sheldon	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
10/5/2016	First Christian Church, Watseka (Drive-thru)	9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
10/7/2016	Countryside Villas, Presence Merkle-Knipprath, Clifton	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
10/11/2016	The Depot, Milford	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
10/12/2016	The Arc, Watseka	11:00 A.M. - Noon
10/13/2016	Dairy Queen, Cissna Park	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
10/13/2016	Creekside Prairie, Cissna Park	2:00 P. M. - 3:30 P.M.
10/18/2016	Heritage Woods, Watseka	10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
10/20/2016	Crescent City Community Center, Crescent City	1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
10/22/2016	Watseka Park District, Watseka	12:00 Noon - 2 P.M.
10/25/2016	Iroquois Farmers State Bank, Iroquois	9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
10/25/2016	Beaverville Hardware, Beaverville	12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M.
10/27/2016	ICPHD, Watseka	4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

**Who  
needs a  
flu  
vaccine?**

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

For more information call the Iroquois County Public Health Department  
 at 815-432-2483.

[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

