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Health Department Schedules Flu Clinics Throughout Iroquois County

Iroquois County -The Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD) released the 2018 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. ICPHD also offers walk-in flu clinics at the health department Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.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 four 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 for the quadrivalent vaccine is \$35 per dose. In addition to the quadrivalent flu vaccine, the health department will soon be offering the high dose flu vaccine at a cost of \$70 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, HealthLink HMO, Cigna and 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 by the health department.



Iroquois County Public Health Department
1001 East Grant Street
Watseka, IL 60970

Flu Clinic Schedule for 2018

The Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD) is offering
WALK-IN FLU CLINICS at the ICPHD office
throughout the flu season:
Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to noon
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 Other clinics offered are listed below.
 Choose a time and location convenient for you!



Date	Time	Location
10/1/18	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	ICPHD, Watseka
10/3/18	1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Crescent City Community Center
10/9/18	9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Iroquois Farmers State Bank, Iroquois
10/9/18	Noon – 2 p.m.	Beaverville Hardware, Beaverville
10/11/18	3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	ABRA, Sheldon
10/12/18	2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Iroquois Farmers State Bank, Gilman
10/18/18	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Heritage Woods, Watseka
10/18/18	2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Creekside Terrace, Cissna Park
10/23/18	11 a.m. - Noon	The Arc, Watseka
10/25/18	3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Presence Merkle-Knipprath, Clifton
10/26/18	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Citizens State Bank, Milford

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