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Health Department Flu Clinics to Begin Nov. 1

GASTONIA — The Gaston County Health Department will begin offering flu shots for the upcoming season at 1 p.m. Nov. 1.

Shots will be available in the Health Department's General Clinic weekdays from 8-11 a.m., and from 1-4 p.m. Two hundred shots will be administered each morning and each afternoon. No appointments are necessary; patients will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There will be no morning flu clinic on Nov. 1, but shots will be administered that afternoon.

Flu shots will be \$30 and pneumonia shots will be \$38. Medicare, Medicaid and some private insurance plans cover the cost of these shots. **Please bring your insurance card(s) with you when coming to receive a flu or pneumonia shot.**

In an effort to increase ease of access to flu shots, this year, the Health Department is also holding a Saturday drive-through clinic from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 4 at Gaston College, 201 U.S. 321 South, Dallas. Patients will not have to leave their cars to complete their paperwork and receive their shots. Patients should bring their insurance cards with them.

The dates have not yet been set for the Health Department's off-site flu clinics, which will be held in Cherryville and Mount Holly.

Anyone is eligible to receive a flu shot beginning Nov. 1, but high-risk patients — people over 65, people living in long-term care facilities, people 2-64 years old with chronic health conditions, children 6-23 months old, pregnant women, health care personnel who provide direct patient care, and those living with or caring for children under six months of age— should be especially diligent about receiving these shots.

For recorded information and updates on Health Department flu clinics, call our 24-hour Flu Hotline at (704) 862-6180 or go to www.gastonpublichealth.org.

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