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Health Department Schedules Second Drive-Through Flu Clinic

GASTONIA — The Health Department will offer its second drive-through clinic of the season 10 a.m.-1 p.m. November 17, this time at the Health Department, 991 W. Hudson Blvd.

Flu shots cost \$30 and pneumonia shots cost \$38. Medicare, Medicaid and some private insurance plans cover the cost of these shots. **Please bring your insurance card(s) with you.** Patients will not have to leave their cars to complete their paperwork and receive their shots.

Anyone is eligible to receive a flu shot, but high-risk patients — people over 50, people living in long-term care facilities, people with chronic health conditions, children 6-59 months old, pregnant women, health care personnel who provide direct patient care, and those living with or caring for children under 59 months of age — should be especially diligent about getting these shots.

Shots continue to be given in the Health Department's General Clinic weekdays from 8-11 a.m., and from 1-4 p.m. Patients can walk in to be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, or can schedule an appointment by calling (704) 853-5003.

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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