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## **DuPage County Health Department still has openings for flu vaccination appointments**

The DuPage County Health Department still has openings in flu vaccine clinics, which are by appointment only. DuPage County residents may call their nearest public health center for clinic information and appointments.

The cost for receiving a flu shot this year is \$33. Medicare Part B and Medicaid will be accepted.

The health department also has flu vaccine available in the Vaccines For Children Program. This vaccine is only for children (six months to 18 years) who are eligible under VFC program guidelines. The cost for this vaccine is \$15.

Flu vaccine is strongly recommended for all people, including the following groups:

- Persons 65 years and older.
- Residents of long-term care facilities.
- Persons 2 years to 64 years with chronic health conditions.
- Children 6 months to 59 months.
- Pregnant women.
- Health care personnel who provide direct patient care.
- Household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months. Persons who live with or care for persons at high risk of getting influenza.

Call the public health center nearest you for an appointment:

- Wheaton call (630) 682-7588.
- Lombard call (630) 588-3905.
- Addison call (630) 682-7306.
- Westmont call (630) 588-3923.

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