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Health department begins flu vaccinations the week of Oct. 16; All clinics by appointment only; calls now being taken

The DuPage County Health Department will begin flu vaccine clinics the week of Oct. 16. Again this year the clinics will be 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 has been informed by the Illinois Department of Public Health that flu vaccine in the Vaccines For Children Program will arrive at the end of October. 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.

The 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.