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September 30 Opening Set for Health Department's Influenza Vaccine Clinic

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) will begin offering flu immunizations at its walk-in clinic (425 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219) starting on Monday, September 30, 2019.

Influenza is a highly contagious upper respiratory infection that can cause mild to severe illness and can potentially be fatal. The CDC recommends an annual flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older.

“The first step to fighting the flu is to get your flu shot,” said Dr. Kristen Mertz, Health Department Epidemiologist. “Getting your flu shot not only protects you and your loved ones, it protects those at risk for severe complications of the flu, such as the elderly and young children. We encourage all residents to get their flu vaccine and to take necessary precautions throughout flu season, such as washing your hands frequently, coughing or sneezing into your elbow or shoulder and not your hands, and most important, to stay at home if you are sick.”

The price of a regular flu shot for residents is \$34. ACHD will again offer the high-dose influenza vaccine this year, which is available only for seniors 65 years of age and older. The high-dose flu shot price is \$59.

The flu vaccine is often a covered benefit; however, the Health Department reminds residents to make sure to check with their insurance provider prior to getting the flu shot.

Patients should enter Immunization Clinic via Cherry Way and proceed to the fourth floor. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., except on Wednesdays when the clinic's hours are 1-8 p.m., no appointment is necessary.

For more information about Influenza and the Immunization Clinic, click [here](#).

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