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Health Department Influenza Vaccine Clinic Opens on October 10

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) announced that it will begin offering seasonal flu and high-dose flu immunizations starting on Tuesday October 10, 2017.

The vaccines will be available at the walk-in immunization clinic located at 425 First Avenue (Pittsburgh, PA 15219). Residents should enter the building via Cherry Way and proceed to the fourth floor.

The immunization clinic will be open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except for Wednesdays, when the clinic's hours will be 1:00-8:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Influenza is a highly contagious upper respiratory infection that can cause mild to severe illness and is potentially fatal. Getting an annual flu vaccine is recommended for everyone six months of age and older. ACHD will again offer the high-dose influenza vaccine this year. The high-dose flu vaccine is four times more concentrated than the regular flu shot, and is available only for seniors 65 years of age and older.

“Getting a flu shot is the first step to combatting the flu,” said Health Department Director Dr. Karen Hacker. “The flu vaccination is also very important to not only your health, but the health of your loved ones.”

The price of the regular seasonal flu shot for individuals with insurance is \$26. The high-dose flu shot price is \$52.

The flu vaccine is often a covered benefit and you can receive the flu shot for free at many locations around the county; however, ACHD reminds residents to make sure to check with their insurance provider prior to getting the flu shot.

At a later date, a limited supply of flu vaccine will be available, at no cost, to uninsured and underinsured residents of Allegheny County. Please call 412-578-8060 for the most up-to-date information about this program.

For more information on Influenza, visit: <http://www.achd.net/flu/>.

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