High-risk Walk-ins Welcome for Flu Shots

The Springfield Flu Immunization Coalition would like to announce that walk-in clients will be welcome to attend next week’s scheduled high risk adult flu shot clinics.

High risk individuals include:

- Adults age 65 and older
- Adults with chronic health conditions
- Women who are pregnant during the influenza season
- Individuals in close contact with the sick or people in nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

Health care workers, also considered a high-risk group, should get their flu shots through employers or physicians. (Children under the age of 18 will not be vaccinated at these clinics. Parents or guardians should check with their physician or visit www.springfieldmo.gov/health for a list of retail locations offering flu shots.)

The Springfield Flu Immunization Coalition’s high-risk clinics are scheduled October 25-29, 2010. The clinics will be open from 7:00 a.m. until noon. It is recommended that walk-in clients wait to attend the clinics later in the morning to avoid waiting in line. The flu clinics are scheduled as follows:

- **Monday, Oct. 25:** Ozarks Community Hospital (formerly Doctor’s Hospital), 2828 N. National
- **Tuesday, Oct. 26:** Cox Walnut Lawn, Ozarks Room, 1000 E. Walnut Lawn
- **Wednesday, Oct. 27:** Northview Senior Center, 301 E. Talmage
- **Thursday, Oct. 28:** St. Agnes School, 531 S. Jefferson St.
- **Friday, Oct. 29:** St. John’s C.H. “Chub” O’Reilly Cancer Center, 2055 S. Fremont, 2nd Floor

Vaccine for the clinics will be made available to Greene County residents again this year through the cooperation of the Springfield Flu Immunization Coalition. Members include the CoxHealth, Greene County Medical Society, Ozarks Community Hospital, Springfield-Greene County Health Department, and St. John’s Health System. For updates on reservations and clinics, call the Influenza hotline 417/874-1228.

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