

MEDIA RELEASE



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“Walk-In Flu Vaccination Available Next Week – No Appointment Needed”

Ottawa, IL - The LaSalle County Health Department is offering walk-in flu vaccinations next week. Flu vaccines will be available:

- Monday, October 18, 2021 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 20, 2021 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 21, 2021 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 22, 2021 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Health Department is located at 717 Etna Rd., Ottawa. Flu vaccinations will be given in the **Vaccination Trailer (look for the orange sign)**, which is located next to the COVID Testing Trailer and is in the Health Department’s parking lot.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine and Influenza HD (High Dose) Vaccine for persons 65 and older are available. In addition, VFC (Vaccine for Children or CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program) Flu vaccine is available. This would be for children 6 months through 18 years of age who have Medicaid.

All LaSalle County Health Department influenza vaccines are preservative free. The fee for the seasonal flu shot will be \$25. The fee for influenza High Dose will be \$60.

We offer insurance billing or cash only payment. Debit or credit cards **will not be accepted**. **You must have your insurance card and a Photo ID with you**. No Doctor’s order is required. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please wear a mask.

In addition, the walk-in flu vaccination clinics being available at the LaSalle County Health Department, the following clinics are scheduled in the community:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Vaccine Offered</u>
Tuesday, October 19, 2021	9:00 am – 1:00pm	Mendota Area Senior Services 1901 Tom Merwin Dr, Mendota (Located inside the Mendota Civic Center)	Flu Shots Only
Thursday, October 21, 2021	9:00 am – 1:00pm	Oglesby Elks Lodge 800 E Walnut St, Oglesby	Flu Shots Only

If you are still in need of a COVID-19 vaccination, it is safe to receive the flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time. **However, all COVID-19 vaccinations must be scheduled. Please call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.** The Health Department strongly encourages everyone who is eligible to receive their flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine to ensure everyone is protected as they possibly can be as we head into cold and flu season.

To lessen your chances of developing the flu, adults and children need to practice good hygiene measures. Teach the importance of covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing, and educate children about hand to mucous membrane transmission. One of the best ways to protect yourself and your children is through frequent and thorough hand washing. People who are exhibiting “flu-like” symptoms should stay home from work, out of childcare and school to minimize transmission.

Remember the 3 C’s: clean, cover, and contain:

- Clean** –frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water.
- Cover** –cover your cough and sneeze.
- Contain** –contain your germs by staying home if you are sick.

For additional information please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit our website at www.lasallecounty.org.

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