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October 1 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, October 1, 2018. Residents should enter the building 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.

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.

"Flu season is upon us and the first step to fighting the flu is to get vaccinated," said Dr. Karen Hacker, Health Department Director. "We encourage all residents to check with their health care provider as soon as possible to determine which is the best vaccine type for them. Getting your flu shot not only protects you and your loved ones, it protects those susceptible to getting the flu, such as the elderly and newborns."

The price of a regular flu shot for residents with insurance is \$27-28. The Health Department will again offer the high-dose influenza vaccine this year. This high-dose vaccine is four times more concentrated than the regular flu shot and is available only for seniors 65 years of age and older. The high-dose flu shot price is \$57.

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

In the future, a limited supply of flu vaccine will be available, at no cost, to uninsured and underinsured residents of Allegheny County. Updates will be made to the ACHD website and will be posted on the Department's [Facebook](#) page.

For more information about Influenza and for clinic information, visit: <http://bit.ly/2xBnUK2>.

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