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Who Needs a Flu Vaccination – You Do!

Mills County public health officials say they are ready for the coming flu season. “We are working closely with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH),” said Ann Pavkov, R.N., Director of Nurses. “On the local level, we are coordinating with schools and businesses to keep residents healthy and minimize the potential impact of the flu.”

There are many things Mills residents can do to protect themselves, their families, and their communities from the seasonal influenza virus. Pavkov says residents should receive the seasonal influenza vaccine now. Vaccinations are available at multiple locations throughout Mills County including local Pharmacies, Physician’s Offices and the Mills County Public Health Clinics. Every Iowan over 6 months of age should receive the flu vaccine and it’s especially important for some people who are at a higher risk of developing serious complications. These groups include pregnant women, children – especially those younger than 2 years of age, older adults – especially those age 65 and over; individuals with medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and chronic lung disease.

Mills County Public Health is offering several types of vaccine at their clinics including a “High Dose” recommended for those age 65 and over and VFC funded vaccine that is available at no charge for qualifying children ages 6 mo. – 18 yrs. Charges for flu vaccine vary depending upon your provider. Mills Co. Public Health is charging \$45 for the High Dose Flu Vaccine; \$25 for the Regular Flu Vaccine. Medicare and Medicaid will be billed for those who are recipients and present their card at the time of vaccination. Upcoming clinic dates are as follows. All clinics are held at Mills County Public Health unless an alternate location is indicated.

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| Monday, September 28 th | 9:00 am – 11:00 am | |
| Thursday, October 1 st | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm | Malvern Rescue Center |
| Friday, October 2 nd | 8:30 am – 11:00 am | |
| Monday, October 5 th | 9:00 am – 11:00 am | |
| Wednesday, October 7 th | 2:00 pm – 4:00 p.m. | |
| Friday, October 9 th | 8:30 am – 11:00 am | |

When you attend clinic, please bring you or your child’s immunization record and your Medicare or Medicaid Card if applicable. For more information and a schedule of Flu Clinics in your area, contact Mills County Public Health 527-9699, visit the MCPH Website at www.millscoi.us or visit the IDPH website at www.idph.state.ia.us/Cade/Influenza.aspx

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