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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Flu Vaccine

Available at the Alachua County Health Department

ALACHUA COUNTY – The Alachua County Health Department (ACHD) is offering influenza vaccine starting Tuesday, October 14. “Receiving an influenza vaccine is a primary preventive measure against influenza infection.” stated Paul Myers, Administrator of the ACHD. “In addition to getting a flu shot, staying home when ill, practicing proper cough etiquette and washing your hands are effective personal means to protect yourself and the community from a variety of illnesses.”

Flu shots are being offered at the Health Department’s main clinic in Gainesville located at 224 SE 24th Street, phone number (352) 334-7950, and the City of Alachua satellite clinic located in the Hitchcock’s shopping plaza located at 15530 NW US Hwy 441, phone number (386) 462-2542. Walk-ins are accepted at the Gainesville site, Monday through Friday from 7:30AM to 4:00PM. Citizens will need an appointment at the Alachua clinic and these can be made by calling (386) 462-2542.

This year’s flu vaccine is effective against the major circulating strains of flu. The cost for the vaccine is \$25.00. If citizens have Medicare part B, there is no charge as long as they bring their Medicare B card and any supplemental insurance cards with them. Citizens who normally receive their vaccines from providers other than the Health Department should contact them for vaccine availability. Those between the ages of 6 months and 18 years who are uninsured, have Medicaid or an insurance that does not cover the immunization may receive the vaccine at the Alachua County Health Department at no cost to them.

Parents of public and private school students are encouraged to review and complete FLUMIST consent forms provided by their child’s school, or complete the consent form securely online at <http://tinyurl.com/ControlFluMist>.

FLUMIST clinics will be held in the schools this fall and a completed consent form is required for participation. FLUMIST is effective, painless and offered at no cost.

For general media inquiries contact Roger Dolz at (352) 334-8873.

For more information, including forms to expedite your visit, please review our website at <http://www.alachuacountyhealth.com/>

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