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Putnam County Health Department prepares for flu season

The Putnam County Health Department will once again offer flu clinics for those that are interested in receiving the seasonal flu vaccine. The Quadrivalent flu vaccine, which protects against two influenza A strains and both B strains, is available to residents 6 months – 64 years of age. The High Dose flu vaccine will be available for those 65 years of age and older. High Dose flu vaccine is also a quadrivalent vaccine to protect against four strains of the flu virus. Flu Mist is also available this year for those that are healthy and between the ages of 2 and 49 years.

The Putnam County Health Department bills most major insurance companies for vaccines, including Medicare and Medicaid, so there may not be any cost to you to receive the vaccine at the time of service. If paying at the time of service because your insurance doesn't cover the vaccine, or you have no insurance, the cost for the flu shot is \$10 for those 18 years and younger, and \$35 for those 19 years and above. There is a limited amount of free vaccine available for those with no insurance and are unable to pay. The high-dose vaccine cost is \$64, which is usually covered by Medicare.

The seasonal influenza vaccine will be offered by the Putnam County Health Department at various clinic locations throughout the county. All clinics will be drive-thru, so there will be no need to leave your vehicle. No appointments are necessary at the clinics. If you prefer to have an appointment, please call the Putnam County Health Department at 419-523-5608 to schedule. It is also recommended to make appointment at the health department for young children who need a flu vaccine and who may be better served in the office setting.

The influenza vaccination clinics that are open to the public include:

- September 30, 9:00 – 11:30 am and 1:00 – 3:30 pm at the Ottawa Senior Center (1035 E. Third Street, Ottawa)
- October 3, 7:00 – 10:00 am at the Putnam County Health Department (256 Williamstown Road, Ottawa)
- October 15, 2:00 – 7:00 pm at Putnam County Council on Aging (1425 E. Fourth



Street, Ottawa)

- October 22, 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the Kalida Fire Station

For more information, visit the PCHD website at www.putnamhealth.com.

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