

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ANNOUNCES INCREASED ACCESS TO THE FLU VACCINE

October 16, 2020 – One of the most important things a person can do to protect themselves and others from the Influenza (flu) this season is to receive the flu vaccine. In the midst of COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) are urging individuals and families to get vaccinated as it is likely that the flu virus will spread alongside COVID-19 this fall.

Recently, MDHHS announced Medicaid beneficiaries will have increased access to the flu vaccine at pharmacies statewide for adults and children 3 years and older. Medicaid coverage of the flu vaccine will also be expanded to additional locations. These steps will ultimately make it easier for individuals to receive a flu shot this year.

“The potential for the flu and COVID-19 to overlap is definitely concerning, which is why it is more important than ever to get the flu vaccine,” states Dr. Jennifer Morse, Medical Director for DHD#10.

Flu shots are recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months, regardless of whether they are healthy or have risks, and no one should go unprotected from the flu. Children and adults who lack insurance may be eligible for programs available at DHD#10 and many provider offices. Please call 888-217-3904, option #2 to discuss your options or to schedule an appointment at your local DHD#10 office.

DHD#10 is currently offering community flu clinics across our 10 county jurisdiction, visit www.dhd10.org/events/ to find a clinic near you.

Residents with questions about vaccines, including the flu vaccine, can visit Vaccinate.org. For more information about flu activity in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/flu.

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