

# News Release

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## **DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT CLINICS WERE A SUCCESS:**

*Health experts urge all who can to get their flu shot*

On December 1<sup>st</sup> 108 individuals received their flu vaccination at a drive-thru flu shot clinic that was held in Cadillac at the Cherry Grove Fire Department. On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 92 individuals received their flu vaccination at a drive-thru flu shot clinic held at the Haring Township Fire Department in Cadillac. The two clinics were part of a regional effort to improve influenza vaccination rates across Northern Michigan in a collaborative effort between local public health, Munson Healthcare and their regional hospitals. Thanks to a grant received by the Wexford Adolescent Wellness Center & Mesick/Manton Adolescent Wellness Centers from MDHHS, every individual who received their influenza vaccine at the drive-thru clinic received a gift card for Subway or Little Caesars Pizza.

Kevin Hughes, Health Officer for District Health Department #10 explained, “We are grateful for the efforts and collaboration across multiple organizations to deliver this important public health service. Not one single entity had the capacity to do this alone. By pooling our resources, we can now reach more community members than we would have individually. This is public health at its best.”

Health experts warn that it’s even more important than ever to get this flu shot this year. While the best time to get your flu shot is before the season hits, it’s never too late.

If you missed the above events there is an upcoming Drive-Thru Clinic event in Wexford County:

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**

***Mesick***

Wednesday, December 9, 5 pm - 8 pm

Mesick Bus Garage

615 S Clark St, Mesick, MI

Serving ages 6 months old +

For those who have not received their flu shot and who cannot make an event, additional clinics are available through your local health department or by calling your primary care provider.

