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Just in time for the holidays, Health Department to offer flu vaccine

Did you know that the best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu is to get your annual flu shot? And what better time than during Vaccinate Illinois Week (Dec. 6-12) as a way to protect yourself during the holidays? Vaccinate Illinois Week is a statewide observance focused on educating the public about the importance of the flu vaccine during the fall and winter months.

While flu shots are available at most pharmacies, and from your personal physician, to provide another option for residents this season, the Kane County Health Department now offers flu vaccinations at its Aurora office, 1240 N. Highland Ave. Clinic hours are week days from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The vaccinations will be offered throughout the flu season while supplies of the vaccine last.

The cost of the vaccine is \$25, payable by check or cash. Public health officials recommend that everyone six months of age and older be vaccinated against influenza, especially pregnant women, young children, people 65 years of age and older, and anyone with underlying health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or a weakened immune system.

The Kane County Health Department provides a wealth of information about influenza on its website at www.kanehealth.com. You will find the weekly report that details flu-like illness activity in Kane County, a locator map for additional locations where you can receive the vaccine, educational materials and more.

While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins will be welcomed. You can make an appointment or ask questions by calling the Health Department's Bee Wize, Immunize phone line at (866) 233-9493 or at (630) 264-7665.

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