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## **MACOMB COUNTY ANNOUNCES FLU SHOT DISTRIBUTION**

Macomb County residents age 65 and older and others in specific priority groups are invited to obtain an influenza immunization from the Macomb County Health Department.

Flu shots will be available at clinics scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 3, 4 and 5 at Freedom Hill County Park, 15000 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Freedom Hill is located between Schoenherr and Utica roads.

“We will only administer the vaccine to Macomb County residents meeting specific age or medical criteria,” said Thomas Kalkofen, director of the Macomb County Health Department. “The clinics will stay open until our supply of vaccine is gone. We have only 5,000 doses available at this time.”

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People eligible to receive a flu shot should bring a driver's license or other photo ID and their Medicare card, if they have Medicare Part B. For people who do not have Medicare Part B, the charge for the flu shot is \$10, cash or check only.

Flu shots will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis only to Macomb County residents who fit the following age or medical criteria:

- People age 65 or older
- Children age 6 to 23 months
- People 2 years old or older with chronic heart, lung, kidney, metabolic, blood or immune system disorders. Some examples include asthma, diabetes, sickle cell anemia and HIV/AIDS.
- Children and teenagers age 6 months to 18 years old who take aspirin daily
- Pregnant women
- Household members and caregivers of infants less than 6 months old
- Healthcare workers who provide direct care to patients
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities.

Flu shot recipients will be required to sign a form that designates which of the age or medical criteria applies to them. Medical records or notes from doctors are not necessary.

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People attending the clinics should bring their own food and beverages and medications to meet their medical or dietary needs because these will not be available onsite. Flu shots will be the only services available from the Health Department at these clinics.

Information about Macomb County's flu vaccine clinics is available on the Health Department Hotline at 586-466-7923 or at its website,

[www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth).

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