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TITLE: Children's Flu Clinics

CONTENT:

Pike County Health Department will hold the first public **children's** flu vaccination clinic on Monday, October 3rd. The clinic will be held at the Pike County Health Department, 606 W. Adams Street, Pittsfield from 1:30 until 6:00 pm. Please use the main entrance, located on Franklin Street (across from Niebur Funeral Home).

The cost for injectable flu vaccine for children is \$16.00 to \$30.00, based on program eligibility. Cash, check, credit card, or Medicaid are all accepted.

Flu Mist nasal spray vaccine is not available this year at Pike County Health Department.

The CDC does not recommend the use of FluMist nasal spray flu vaccine in any setting for the 2016-2017 influenza season. This decision was based on CDC vaccine effectiveness study results from the last three influenza seasons, in which Flu Mist did not demonstrate statistically significant effectiveness in children 2-17 years of age in the US.

Additional children's flu clinic dates are: Monday, October 17th 1:30 - 6:00pm; Monday, October 24th 1:30 - 4:30pm; Monday, October 31st 1:30 - 4:30pm
Flu vaccination at PCHD will continue throughout November and December.

These are walk-in clinics with no appointment needed. Parent or guardian must sign consent form for those under 18 years of age.

Adult injectable flu vaccine is \$30.00 (or billed to Medicare or Medicaid.) Adult flu clinics will be held every Wednesday in October.

The CDC recommends everyone six months and older receive the flu vaccine. People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children; pregnant women; and people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease.

Vaccines are safe and are held to a very high standard. An average of 100 million doses of influenza vaccine is used in the United States each year.

For more information, contact Nancy Halpin, RN at Pike County Health Department, 285-4407, extension 124.

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