



Macon County Public Health

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Press Release

Franklin, NC - Macon County Public Health Schedules Flu Shot Clinics - August 28, 2014

Macon County Public Health has scheduled seasonal influenza vaccination clinics at community locations in Franklin and Highlands. This year, seasonal influenza vaccine provides protection against three strains of influenza, including H1N1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a yearly flu vaccine. Children under 9 years of age who haven't been vaccinated against the flu in the past may need two doses of flu vaccine.

Appointments are not needed for these clinics and vaccine will be given on a first come, first serve basis. At the present time, community flu shot clinics will be provided by Macon County Public Health as follows:

- **Macon County Fairgrounds: Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9 am to 9 pm.**
- **Jane Woodruff Building at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital; room 103: Wednesday, October 8th from 1 pm to 4 pm.**

The cost for regular flu vaccine is \$25 and insurance may be filed, so clients should bring their cards with them to the vaccination clinics. Some children and other special populations, including those on Medicaid or those with inadequate health insurance, may qualify for free vaccine.

In addition to regular flu vaccine, individuals age 65 and older are eligible to receive a high dose flu vaccine. High dose vaccine may be available as long as supplies last at these community clinics. The cost of high dose vaccine is \$45 and Medicare can be filed.

For more information about flu vaccine or the schedule for flu clinics, please call 349-2081.
