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# Press Release

## Macon County to Extend Flu Clinic Through November

Continuing to provide this essential service to Macon County residents and to achieve larger vaccination rates, Macon County Public Health is extending its flu clinic through part of November. As part of the original fund that was allotted for COVID-19 emergency response, the county commissioners approved funding that will help to increase the coverage of citizens vaccinated against the seasonal flu by covering the cost of influenza (flu) vaccines for Macon County residents without insurance.

The flu shot clinics will be from 2:00pm to 5:00pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Macon County Health Director, Kathy McGaha said of the continued clinics, "By achieving greater flu vaccine coverage throughout Macon County, it will take some of the burden away from physicians and clinics in having to deal with both COVID-19 and flu outbreaks." She continued, "Our hope is that our community will step up and be a hometown hero to protect their community."

Macon County Public Health is currently conducting drive-thru flu vaccination from 2:00pm to 5:00 at 1830 Lakeside Drive. No appointment is necessary to receive the vaccination.

The entire state of North Carolina is under a "Safer at Home" executive order, currently under phase 3 with masks required to be worn when social distancing cannot be maintained. Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; however, anyone of any age can become infected with this illness. Therefore, we ask that community members **strictly follow** the governor's orders and continue to practice **social distancing**, as well as safe hygiene measures such as hand washing and frequently cleaning touched objects and surfaces. The public can monitor the different phases of re-opening and learn more about the restrictions at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/guidance>.

MCPH regularly updates our Facebook page with accurate and current information regarding COVID-19; we encourage the public to check our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/MaconPublicHealth](https://www.facebook.com/MaconPublicHealth) for up-to-date information.

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