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Flu shots now available at JCDHE's walk-in clinic in Olathe

JCDHE Director says flu vaccine is more important during COVID-19

(JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS – Sept. 17, 2020) Flu shots are now available at the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment's walk-in clinic in Olathe. [Flu shots](#) are given on a walk-in basis from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays. The clinic is located at 11875 S. Sunset Drive. Most insurance plans, Medicare Part B and Medicaid cover the cost of the vaccine. The cost is \$30 for those without insurance.

The department recommends that everyone over the age of 6 months get a flu vaccine to reduce the risk of getting the flu, and more importantly, reduce the risk of severe illness or hospitalization for those that do get the flu.

"Hospitals and doctor's offices may be busy caring for COVID-19 patients and other health needs during the fall and winter 'respiratory virus' season," said Dr. Sanmi Areola, JCDHE director. "Getting a flu vaccine will help keep you and your loved ones out of those medical settings."

He added that the flu vaccine will not protect individuals from getting COVID-19, but it will offer protection from the four types of influenza viruses that may circulate this season. It also helps ensure hospitals and medical resources are available for COVID-19 patients and others who need them.

"Getting vaccinated for the flu helps protect household members and others in the community – especially older adults, young children, pregnant women, people with chronic medical conditions or weakened immune systems, and those at high risk for severe influenza," said Dr. Areola. "The flu vaccine has been safely given to millions of Americans for more than 50 years."

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Flu shots are also available from a doctor's office, urgent care clinic or a pharmacy. Use [Vaccine Finder](#) to find where flu vaccines are available. The department recommends that you call ahead to make sure there is vaccine in stock. When visiting a location to receive a flu vaccine, protect yourself and others by staying at least six feet apart at all times, wearing a mask and washing your hands thoroughly afterwards.

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