

# Press Release

Hamilton County Health Department



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## Health Department Offers Free Flu Vaccines for Limited Time

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN – The Hamilton County Health Department will be offering free flu vaccinations for a limited time while supplies last.

- A drive-through flu vaccine clinic will be offered for those 18 years or older October 12, 13, and 14 (Monday-Wednesday) from 1:30PM – 5:00PM at the Alstom Plant, 1125 Riverfront Pkwy, Chattanooga, TN 37402.
- This is the same location as the COVID-19 testing site, but the flu vaccine clinic will be held at different hours from the COVID-19 testing.
- The flu vaccine will be free while supplies last and no appointment is needed.
- People will be asked to put on a face mask while in their vehicle before receiving the flu vaccine.

Free flu vaccine for children (ages 6 months through 17 years) is available by appointment only at the following Health Department locations:

- Sequoyah Health Center (209-5490) located at 9527 W Ridge Trail Rd, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379 or at the
- Pediatric Clinic (209-8050) at the downtown Health Department located at 921 E 3rd St, Chattanooga, TN 37403

“The flu vaccine is especially important right now,” said Health Department Administrator Becky Barnes, “The same tools we’ve been using to prevent the spread of COVID-19—wearing a mask, social distancing, and frequent hand washing—will also help prevent the spread of the influenza virus.”

The flu vaccine is recommended for all persons age 6 months or older who do not have contraindications. Those at highest risk for serious complications from the flu include children under 5 years, adults 65 years and over, pregnant women, and those with preexisting medical conditions or a compromised immune system. The Health Department is encouraging everyone to get a flu shot this year and to get it early. This flu season is going to be more challenging than ever due to the added risk of COVID-19 in our community.

Flu vaccines are also currently available through doctors’ offices and retail pharmacies.

The Health Department will open additional flu vaccination clinics as more supplies become available.

For more information about COVID-19 or the flu vaccine, call the Health Department’s hotline at (423) 209-8383 or visit the calendar on their [website](#). The Health Department continues to offer free COVID-19 testing at the Alstom site 7 days a week, from 8:30AM – 1:00PM.

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Additional information may be accessed through these Health Department resources:

- Website: <http://health.hamiltontn.org/>
- English Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonTNHealthDept/>
- Spanish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SaludHamiltonTN/>
- YouTube English: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCKf8VUBQFLiJoxh8Sk10mA>
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