Press Release



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Hamilton County Health Department to Participate in the Statewide "Fight Flu TN" Initiative on Tuesday, October 15th.

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN –The Hamilton County Health Department will participate in the statewide "Fight Flu TN" initiative by offering free flu shots to anyone six months and older on Tuesday, October 15th, at La Paz Chattanooga and all Health Department Clinics.

Details:

- No appointment is needed.
- No insurance is required.
- Adults 18+ and children ages six months and older may participate.
- Children's vaccines are available at all flu vaccination event sites.
- All locations are park and walk-up sites.
- ONLY FREE THIS DAY while supplies last.
- Bilingual staff & an ASL interpreter will be on site(s).

Location – Adults and Children:

- La Paz Chattanooga:
 - o 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
 - o 809 S Willow St, Chattanooga, TN 37404
- Health Department at 3rd Street
 - o East 3rd Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403
 - o 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Health Department at Birchwood
 - 5625 Highway 60, Birchwood, TN, 37308
 - o 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Health Department at Ooltewah
 - o 5520 High Street, Ooltewah, TN 37363
 - o 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Health Department at Soddy Daisy
 - 9527 W. Ridge Trail Road, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379
 - o 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

"The flu season is upon us, and to safeguard ourselves against the virus, we should wash our hands frequently, avoid touching our faces, stay home if we're sick, and get vaccinated. I encourage everyone eligible to receive the flu shot before the winter months," says Hamilton County Health Department Officer Dr. Stephen C. Miller. "We thank La Paz for hosting us this year and their commitment to caring for our community."

<u>Per the CDC</u>, those at the highest risk of severe complications from the flu include children under five years, adults 65 years and over, pregnant women, and those with preexisting medical conditions or a compromised immune system. In addition to the "Fight Flu TN" event, flu shots are widely available at primary care offices, local pharmacies, and with participating community partners. To find a flu shot near you, please visit https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/.

^{*}If a minor is being vaccinated, a parent or legal guardian must be present at the appointment and bring a current, valid photo ID. If you are a legal guardian, please bring proof of quardianship. *

Additional resources

- Questions? Call the Health Department Hotline at 423-209-8383.
- For Health Department information, visit: <u>Health.HamiltonTN.gov</u>
- To read this information in Spanish, visit the Health Department's Spanish Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/SaludHamiltonTN