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Williamson County and Cities Health District Calls for Action to Fight the Flu by Offering Free Flu Shots

With influenza season around the corner, Williamson County and Cities Health District is offering the seasonal flu vaccine. The flu can be a serious health concern for older people, young children, pregnant women, and people with ongoing illnesses like diabetes, or kidney, heart, or lung disease.

While most healthy people recover from the flu, it can be passed to others around you who might not be so lucky. Every year, influenza sickens hundreds of thousands of people, sending them to the hospital. It kills, on average, about 24,000 people in the U.S. each year, including about 100 children, according to the CDC.

Even though handwashing and avoiding sick people are good habits, it is not enough to prevent the flu. Flu germs spread through the air when people with flu cough, sneeze, or talk. You can make others sick a day before you start to feel sick, and up to a week after you become sick.

It's not possible to predict what this flu season will be like – the best protection for yourself and those around you is to get a flu shot. Now is the best time to get the shot for protection throughout the entire flu season, which can last until May. "Getting the flu vaccine reduces the probability and severity of infection and the probability of transmitting the virus to others," says Dr. Lisa Cornelius, Medical Director and Health Authority for the Williamson County and Cities Health District.

Free Community Flu Shot Clinics are open to the public for anyone aged four years and older. Flu shots are sponsored by WCCHD.

Sat. Sep. 16, 10am – 2pm, Williamson County Expo Center, 5350 Bill Pickett Tr, Taylor, TX
Sun. Sep. 24, 7am– 4pm, St Williams Catholic Church 620 Round Rock West Cv, Round Rock, TX
Sat. Oct. 7, 9am – 1pm, Farmers Market at Lakeline, 11200 Lakeline Mall Dr, Cedar Park, TX
Mon. Oct. 9, 8am – 7pm, Public Health Center, 350 Discovery Blvd, Cedar Park, TX
Tue. Oct. 10, 8am – 7pm, Public Health Center, 100 W. 3rd St, Georgetown, TX
Wed. Oct. 11, 8am – 7pm, Public Health Center, 211 Commerce Blvd., Round Rock, TX
Thu. Oct. 12, 8am – 7pm, Public Health Center, 115 W. 6th St, Taylor, TX
Sat. Oct. 14, 9am – 1pm, Market Days, Centennial Plaza, 301 W. Bagdad, Round Rock, TX
Sat. Oct. 21, 10am – 2pm, Olde Tyme Days Festival, Main St., Hutto, TX

To learn more about WCCHD clinic hours and locations, visit your public health department website at www.wcchd.org or call 512-248-3252.

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