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SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OLDER

Knox County- Knox County Health Department Officials announced today that they will have Fluzone High-Dose influenza vaccine this year. Fluzone High-Dose is an inactivated influenza virus vaccine for people ages 65 years and older to prevent disease caused by influenza virus. The Fluzone High-Dose vaccine contains 4 times the amount of antigen (the part of the vaccine that prompts the body to make antibody) contained in the regular flu shots.

People in this age group are at highest risk for seasonal influenza complications, which may result in hospitalization and death. Annual vaccination remains the best protection from influenza, particularly for people 65 and older “As people grow older, their immune systems typically become weaker,” states, Tammy Nelson, Communicable Disease Investigator. “A higher dose of antigen in the vaccine is supposed to give older people a better immune response and therefore better protection against flu.”

The Knox County Health Department 2011 flu vaccine campaign will begin on Saturday, October 15, 2011 with Hinchliff, Pearson and West Funeral Home, 1070 West Fremont Street in Galesburg, hosting the 10th annual drive-thru clinic from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. You will not only be able to receive your flu or pneumonia vaccine, but also a cup of Innkeeper’s coffee and a donut.

The Knox County Health Department will begin administering flu and pneumonia vaccine at the Health Department, 1361 West Fremont Street, Galesburg, on Monday October 17, 2011 with special hours from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Beginning Tuesday, October 18, 2011 flu and pneumonia vaccines will be available daily on a walk-in basis from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A special evening clinic will be held on October 26, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Health Department.

The cost for the flu vaccine this year is \$30 for adults, \$40 for high-dose, and \$10 for children (18 and younger); pneumonia is \$70; Medicaid and Medicare Part B, All Kids, Cash or Check are accepted.

If you have any questions about seasonal flu, contact your doctor or call the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 or visit our website at www.knoxcountyhealth.org.