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Pontiac, Mich., Sept. 26, 2019 – Oakland County Health Division is postponing their public flu vaccination program due to a vaccine delay. The Health Division is anticipating the program to begin late October at their Pontiac and Southfield office locations. Residents are encouraged to check oakgov.com/health for continuous updates.

“Although the start of our vaccination program is delayed, don’t wait to get the flu shot. Contact your doctor or nearest pharmacy for flu vaccine availability,” said Leigh-Anne Stafford, Oakland County health officer. “Vaccination is the most effective protection against the flu.”

A limited vaccine supply will be available at the outreach walk-in community clinics on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Birmingham NEXT, 2121 Midvale, Birmingham
- Wednesday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Older Persons’ Commission, 650 Letica Dr., Rochester
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile Rd.,

Farmington Hills

- Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, Troy

The flu vaccine protects against as many as four flu viruses which are most likely to occur this season and can help protect the health of others in the community who are unable to be vaccinated, such as infants younger than 6 months old. Everyone over 6 months of age is encouraged to get vaccinated if possible.

The Health Division recommends these preventive actions to stop the spread of germs:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work, or school, especially when someone is ill.

The Health Division accepts Medicare, Medicaid, most Blue Cross Blue Shield plans, Blue Care Network, and other insurances. If insurance does not cover the cost, payment options include cash and credit (Visa/Mastercard). Credit card fees apply. Regular flu shots are available for \$24. Individuals 65 years and older qualify for a high-dose flu shot, which costs \$53. FluMist, the nasal spray flu vaccine, is also available for \$30.

Bring picture identification and all insurance cards. The Health Division participates in the Vaccines for Children Program which offers vaccines at no cost for eligible children up to 18-years-old. No one will be denied access to services due to inability to pay; there is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available.

For up-to-date information, visit www.oakgov.com/health, follow the Health Division on Facebook and Twitter @publichealthOC, or call the Health Division's Flu Shot Hotline at 800-434-3358. Nurse on Call is also available to answer questions at 800-848-5533, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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