

?Adult flu vaccination clinic set October 24

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? Staff of the Scott County Health Department will conduct its annual adult flu vaccination clinic on Friday, October 24, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Scottsburg.

Clinic hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost of a flu shot will be \$20. Medicare will not be billed.

Anyone over the age of 18 is encouraged to come and receive a flu shot. There is an abundance of influenza vaccine this season, and everyone is encouraged to get a flu shot now so that they are fully protected throughout the flu season.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccination as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. According to the CDC, the following people are especially encouraged to get vaccinated:

- Children ages six months up to their 19th birthdays.
- Pregnant women.
- People age 50 or older.
- People of any age who suffer from certain chronic medical conditions.
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including health care workers, those in contact with people at high risk and those who are in contact with and out-of-home caregivers of children less than six months of age. These children are too young to be vaccinated.

For parents wishing to protect their children ages six months or older, children's flu shots will be offered by appointment at the Scott County Health Department as soon as this vaccine is available. Parents can also contact their physician or health professional for children's flu shots.

For more information, contact the Health Department at 752-8455.