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## *Additional Flu Vaccine Clinics for Adults and Children*

In response to a recent state expansion on eligibility,  
City of Milwaukee Health Department will hold two flu clinics next week

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will sponsor and staff two flu clinics next week, one on the south side and another on the north side of Milwaukee. This action comes as a result of a recent announcement by the WI Department of Health and Family Services that an amendment to the Emergency Order concerning administration of influenza vaccine has been made. The amended order, effective December 13, 2004, expands the list of who may receive influenza vaccine:

- adults aged 50-64
- household contacts of persons in the following groups at high risk for complications from influenza:
  - all children age 6-23 months
  - adults aged 65 or over
  - persons age 2-64 with chronic underlying medical conditions
  - women who will be pregnant during the flu season
- residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- health care workers with direct patient contact
- caregivers and household contacts of children age <6 months
- children 6 months - 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy

Upcoming Milwaukee flu clinic sites:

- Southside Health Center (1639 S. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Street) **December 13, 2004** 3:00 -6:30 p.m.
- Northwest Health Center (7630 W. Mill Road) **December 16, 2004** 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The MHD may be forced to close clinics early if they run out of vaccine. Once vaccine supplies are depleted, there will be no additional vaccine available this season. Influenza kills 36,000 people and results in 220,000 hospitalizations annually in the United States. Protect yourself and loved ones by getting a flu shot.