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City of Milwaukee Health Department Opens Doors for Special Saturday Assistance

Dec. 13 clinic to provide free flu vaccine and offer health insurance enrollment assistance

MILWAUKEE – On Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will open its Northwest Health Center (7630 W. Mill Rd.) and Southside Health Center (1639 S. 23rd St.) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to offer city residents access to services and assistance. Not only will the clinics offer free flu vaccines to all ages along with free immunizations to eligible children age 18 and under, but the MHD's Community Healthcare Access Program will be on hand to answer questions and offer assistance enrolling in health insurance coverage.

“With flu season already here and health insurance enrollment deadlines just around the corner, we are opening our doors to ensure that city residents in need of assistance can access resources on a weekend,” said Mayor Tom Barrett.

The MHD offers immunizations to eligible individuals and insurance enrollment assistance weekdays at its health center locations. A full schedule of clinic hours can be found at www.milwaukee.gov/health.

“The City of Milwaukee Health Department's mission is to prevent illness and promote health,” said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. “We urge residents to take advantage of opportunities to stay healthy this flu season, and to ensure that they and their families have health care coverage throughout the year.”

The MHD is also continuing its partnership with the Milwaukee Enrollment Network and Milwaukee Public Libraries to offer support in access the online Health Insurance Marketplace at select MPL branches throughout December. Health insurance marketplace enrollment continues through February 15, 2015.

Individuals with questions regarding the Health Insurance Marketplace are encouraged to visit www.healthcare.gov or call (800) 318-2596. For local assistance, area residents can dial 2-1-1 to be connected to an enrollment assister in their area.

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