



MEDIA ADVISORY

Contact:

Name: Anne Broeker

Phone/text: (414) 217-2173

Email: abroeker@chw.org

Name: Jeff Fleming, City of Milwaukee

Phone: (414) 286-8580

Email: jeff.fleming@milwaukee.gov

Children's Wisconsin and Milwaukee Health Department to provide free flu immunizations at four Milwaukee Public Schools locations Nov. 9-12

No appointment or insurance required

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 5, 2020 - Children's Wisconsin will be on site at four Milwaukee Public School locations the week of November 9 to provide free flu immunizations. The City of Milwaukee Health Department is providing the flu immunizations, which will be administered by Children's Wisconsin school nurses and Children's Community Health Plan nurses.

The vaccines are available to all community members, regardless of insurance coverage, including children over 6 months of age as well as adults. No appointment or insurance is required. Interpreter services will also be available.

People who wish to receive a flu shot must fill out a vaccine consent form which will be available onsite. Masks are required and social distancing measures will be followed. Each school will have signs directing community members to the flu shot clinics.

The flu clinics will be available **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** next week at the following locations on the dates listed below.

- **Monday, Nov. 9: Andrew S. Douglas Middle School - 3620 N. 18th St.**
- **Tuesday, Nov. 10: Engleburg Elementary School - 5100 N. 91 St.**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 11: Anna F. Doerfler Elementary School - 3014 W. Scott St.**
- **Thursday, Nov. 12: Zablocki Community School - 1016 W. Oklahoma Ave**

"Protecting against the flu is more important than ever this year amid COVID-19, so we are trying to ensure there are fewer barriers to getting this year's vaccination by bringing medical staff from Children's Wisconsin to administer flu shots at these four MPS sites," said Acting Commissioner of the City of Milwaukee Health Department Marlaina Jackson.

"We wanted to offer these vaccines at locations that are convenient for families to help make sure our community stays as healthy as possible," said Mark Rakowski, Chief Operating Officer of Children's Community Health Plan. "Getting the flu vaccination has a positive domino effect: it contributes to an individual's health which in turn helps the overall health of the community and helps lower the risk of hospitalization."

Health experts warn that the overlap of COVID-19 and influenza, both respiratory illnesses, could overburden the health care system, strain testing capacity, and increase the risk of catching both diseases at once.

The CDC recommends flu shots for everyone 6 months and older. These flu shots are available to anyone and are not limited to students and families of the MPS schools where the shots are administered.

Representatives from Children's Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Health Department are available for interviews in advance of the flu clinics. Please note they will not be available for interviews at the schools as they will be assisting and administering flu shots.

Interviews with Children's representatives can be requested by contacting Anne Broeker, abroeker@chw.org. (414) 217-2173, or Jeff Fleming, jeff.fleming@milwaukee.gov. (414) 286-8580, to speak with someone from the health department.