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Email: sbenja@milwaukee.gov**City of Milwaukee Health Department Offers Free Flu Vaccines***During the COVID-19 pandemic, it's more important than ever to get vaccinated
to reduce the spread of the seasonal flu*

MILWAUKEE – An influenza (flu) vaccination will be essential to reduce the impact of respiratory illnesses in the population and resulting burdens on the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends annual flu vaccinations for everyone age 6 months and older. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), flu viruses typically circulate in the United States annually, most commonly from the late fall through the early spring. Most people who become ill with influenza virus infection recover without serious complications. However, influenza can be associated with serious illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths, particularly among older adults, very young children, pregnant women, and people of all ages with certain chronic medical conditions.

To ensure that every resident in the city of Milwaukee has the opportunity to be vaccinated, the City of Milwaukee Health department is offering free flu vaccines starting Thursday, October 15 at two of its drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites. Locations and hours of operation include:

Northwest Health Center | 7630 W Mill Road, Milwaukee, WI 53218

Southside Health Center | 1639 S 23rd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 9am – 3pm, or while supply lasts

Closed Wednesday

The flu vaccine will be free and community members can also get a COVID-19 test during the same visit. Individuals do not need to arrive by car to receive a flu vaccine. Visit milwaukee.gov/flu for more information.

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