

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Date:** September 15, 2020

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MILWAUKEE – On Thursday September 17th 2020, Mayor Tom Barrett and the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) Health Commissioner, Dr. Jeanette Kowalik will receive their annual flu vaccinations. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends annual influenza vaccinations for all persons age 6 months and older who do not have contraindications. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), influenza viruses typically circulate in the United States annually, most commonly from the late fall through the early spring. Most persons who become ill with influenza virus infection recover without serious complications or sequelae. However, influenza can be associated with serious illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths, particularly among older adults, very young children, pregnant women, and persons of all ages with certain chronic medical conditions. Please join Mayor Barrett and Dr. Kowalik in getting your vaccination. For the upcoming influenza season, an influenza vaccination will be paramount to reduce the impact of respiratory illnesses in the population and resulting burdens on the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic. The press conference will be held:

Thursday September 17th, 2020

10:30 am

Neighborhood House

2819 W. Richardson Place

Milwaukee WI 53208

Please remember to wear your masks and practice social distancing in order to keep everyone safe during the event.

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