

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Availability

You may have found it difficult to find a seasonal flu shot in the last couple of months; this is due to difficulties in the manufacturing process and the push to make the H1N1 vaccine available across the country. Harrison County Home & Public Health has received notification that we will not be receiving a significant portion of our seasonal flu vaccine order due to those manufacturing process difficulties. Regrettably, without the vaccine we will not have sufficient supply to hold community-based clinics as we have in the past.

With the very limited amount of seasonal flu vaccine we have available, we plan to hold one clinic for individuals aged 55 and older, due to their increased risk of influenza-related complications. The clinic will be Thursday, November 12th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at our office located at 116 North 2nd Ave in Logan. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call our office at 712-644-2220 or check our website <http://www.harrisoncountya.org/publichealth/index.html> for additional updates.

We want to encourage those residents of Harrison County who wish to receive the seasonal flu vaccine elsewhere if they are able, especially if they fall into one of the higher risk categories for influenza-related complications.

Seasonal flu vaccine is available at Harrison County Home & Public Health for children through age 18 years if they qualify for vaccine through the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program. Children must meet one of the following criteria:

- Child has no health insurance coverage
- Child is American Indian or Alaska Native
- Child is enrolled in Medicaid
- Child is underinsured – Underinsured means the child has some type of health insurance, but the benefit plan does not include immunizations.

If you have a child who meets one of the above qualifications, please call our office at 712-644-2220 to schedule an appointment.

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