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Florida Department of Health in Escambia County Announces No-Charge Flu Vaccination Drive-Thru Event

Open Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. CST

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Pensacola, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) is announcing a drive-thru event that will provide no-charge influenza (flu) vaccinations to community residents.

Flu season is here, and FDOH-Escambia is urging everyone to get vaccinated against the flu as soon as possible. Once vaccinated, it takes about two weeks to build maximum protection. The flu season in Escambia County, Florida usually begins in early October and lasts until May, peaking in January and February. This drive-thru event will feature no-charge flu immunizations.

What:	Flu Vaccination Drive-Thru Event
Where:	FDOH-Escambia Downtown Center, 1300 West Gregory Street, Pensacola, FL 32502. Use drive-thru entrance on West Wright Street between North G Street and North H Street.
When:	Wednesday, November 18, 2020 open 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. CST
Who:	Adults 19+ with no known egg allergies are eligible for vaccinations, while supplies last.
How:	Drive-thru, no appointment needed. Cloth face coverings are required to receive a vaccination.
What Else:	Each person who needs to be vaccinated must be seated next to a working window with their upper arm easily accessible. There may be significant wait times. Prepare by having a full tank of gas and make sure the vehicle has working air conditioning. All passengers must stay inside vehicles from arrival to departure.

Getting the flu shot each year is important and reducing illness and hospitalization from flu is even more critical this year to protect frontline health care workers and hospital systems who will continue to care for people with COVID-19 and other illnesses. Also, having the flu and COVID-19 at the same time could lead to a negative outcome.

The flu and COVID-19 are respiratory illnesses, but until there is a steady vaccine supply against COVID-19, the best way to help prevent these two viruses from circulating at the same time is to get your flu vaccine now.

Additionally, there will be less spread of the flu and COVID-19 if everyone continues to:

- Stay home if you're sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly
- Wear a face covering when around others or if social distancing isn't possible

Lives are saved when less virus is circulating.

Learn More

Visit FluFreeFlorida.com for more information on how to be a part of #FluFreeFL. For more information about the flu, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at cdc.gov/flu. Additional information can also be found at FDOH-Escambia's website, EscambiaHealth.com.

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