

News Release

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SUSAN B. ALLEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO OFFER FREE FLU SHOT CLINICS

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EL DORADO, KS - With influenza season quickly approaching, Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital has announced it will be providing 1,500 free doses of influenza vaccine to the general public at two separate clinics on Saturday, November 4.

The clinics were made possible, in large part, through a gift of \$20,000 made to the Susan B. Allen Foundation from the John K. and Mary P. Fisher Revocable Trusts.

Kay (Fisher) Abernathy, the daughter of the late John K. and Mary P. Fisher, informed Mary Luebbert, SBA Director of Development, that her parents would be very pleased to know they were helping so many people prevent illness.

“My parents were always adamant in receiving their flu shots, and anyone who knew my dad knows that was the case, as he was always telling everyone to go get their shot,” said Abernathy. “We often had discussions about why more people didn’t get their flu shot, and I just hope this gift can make it possible for some to get their shot, without having to worry about coming up with the money to pay for it.”

The clinics will be provided on Saturday, November 4. In El Dorado, the clinic will be held at the SBA Cancer Center, 700 W. Central Ave., from 8:00 a.m. until noon (or until the vaccine runs out). 800 doses of influenza vaccine will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. In Augusta, 700 doses will be made available, and the clinic will be

held at the Augusta Senior High School (gymnasium), 2020 Ohio St., from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. (or until the vaccine runs out).

The flu shots will be given to persons age nine and above. Children between the age of five and nine who have received a flu shot in the past may also receive the vaccine. Pediatric doses - those doses available for persons under the age of 18 - are limited to 160 in El Dorado, and 140 in Augusta.

Persons coming to the clinics are asked to help move the process along quickly by wearing appropriate clothing, knowing that shots will be given in the upper arm.

Jim Wilson, Susan B. Allen President and CEO, says he's pleased that such a good healthcare and community service project are able to be made due to a gift such as the one received from the Fishers.

"Our hope is to be able to provide more of these types of projects in the future, and that this gift paves the way for future gifts to the foundation. This is a great example of how the Hospital, along with the help of community members, can make our communities stronger and healthier," Wilson said.

For more information about the influenza clinics, persons can contact Janet Frey, Infection Control practitioner at 316.321.3300, or Gene Kimble, Director of Marketing at 316.322.4543.

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