

## **FREE FLU VACCINATIONS OFFERED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

### **Clinic Dates Scheduled for October 22 and November 5**

#### **September 22, 2011**

Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital, with financial support from the Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital Foundation, will be holding the annual FREE flu vaccination clinics again this year. 1,750 doses of vaccine (1,500 injectable doses and 250 intranasal doses) will be made available to anyone over the age of 3 on a first-come, first-served basis at two separate clinics – one in El Dorado and the other in Augusta.

“We know there are other organizations who have begun offering the influenza vaccinations already. Most of them charge anywhere from \$25 - \$30 per vaccination,” said Janet Frey, Director of Infection Prevention. “For those who are in high-risk categories, it might be a good option to protect themselves from

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the possibility of a case of ‘early season’ flu. But for the general population – those not at a high-risk - the normal flu season usually doesn’t hit this area until after the first of the year. We feel that offering the vaccinations at no cost in early November is beneficial to the largest number of people, especially families with kids. It takes approximately two weeks for immunity to develop after receiving the influenza vaccination which will give people immunity by the Thanksgiving holiday season when families gather together and travel.”

The El Dorado clinic will be held at Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m., and the Augusta clinic will be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. at the Augusta United Methodist Church. Because the clinics are on a first-come, first-served basis, there is usually a large line at the beginning of the clinics. However, Hospital staff want you to understand that the line moves relatively quickly at both locations.

Vaccinations will be made available to persons three years old or older. Intranasal doses are available again this year and will be made available to persons aged 3 – 49. SBA hopes large families realize the benefits provided through the vaccine. Having one child home with the flu can put a great financial and/or emotional strain on parents who then have to stay home from work, or make arrangements for childcare. And, often times, the flu spreads throughout a family causing multiple days off from work.

There are other groups who benefit by receiving the vaccine. Persons taking care of young children or the elderly benefit by helping stop the spread of the flu virus. Also benefiting from the vaccinations would be people working in high-density workplaces, such as large retail or grocery stores, or people who are expecting visitors, or are expecting to travel for the holiday seasons.

“We hope that making these vaccinations available at no cost will help those who have been hit by the bad economic times to take care of themselves and their families,” said Gayle Arnett, President and CEO of SBA. “We think it’s very important for us to make preventative care available to as many as possible. This project has been well received by many people who might not have received the seasonal flu vaccination over the past few years, and we feel this is a great benefit for everyone in the communities we serve.”

The free flu vaccination clinics are a joint project between Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital and the Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital Foundation. If you would like information about how you might help the Hospital provide similar projects, please contact Mary Luebbert, Director of Development, at 316-321-8741.

For more information about the influenza clinics, please contact Janet Frey, Infection Prevention practitioner at 316-321-3300, or Gene Kimble, Director of Marketing at 316-322-4543.

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# You and your family, fighting the flu.

Free vaccinations for all ages 3 and above.



This year's flu season is on its way. Are you and your family ready? At Susan B. Allen we want to help keep you healthy. That's why we're providing free flu vaccines for anyone ages three and above.

**You are advised to receive a flu vaccination if:**

- You are in a family with children
- Your immunity is low
- You interact regularly with the elderly or the young
- You work in a high-density workplace
- You are expecting to host holiday visitors
- You are a child or teenager
- You live in a college dorm or a similar setting



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**Now offering two types of vaccinations, a shot or the nasal spray.**

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**El Dorado Sat, Oct. 22 | 8-10 am**

SBA Cancer Center 700 W. Central

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**Augusta Sat, Nov. 5 | 8-10 am**

Augusta United Methodist Church 2420 Ohio



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