

News Release

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SUSAN B. ALLEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO OFFER FREE FLU SHOTS TO THE PUBLIC

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EL DORADO, KS - Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital (SBA) will be making influenza vaccinations available to the general public at two separate clinics, free of charge, on Saturday, November 3, 2007.

“We see this as a great opportunity for a number of persons who might not get the flu shot somewhere else,” says Gene Kimble, Director of Marketing. “We provided the free clinics last year, and things went very smoothly. Our staff does a great job of moving participants through the line so people don’t have to wait very long. We want as many people to get vaccinated as possible so they don’t get the flu, and don’t spread it to others.”

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The two clinics will be held on Saturday, November 3. The first, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m., will be held in El Dorado at the SBA Cancer Center, 700 W. Central. The other will be held from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Augusta United Methodist Church, 2420 Ohio St. Since there is a limited supply (2000 doses), vaccine will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. If people are still in line at 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m., the clinics will continue as long as there is vaccine. 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.

This year, vaccinations will be made available to persons five years old or older. 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.

“Creating a healthy community is one of the main reasons we’re in business,” says Jim Wilson, FACHE, Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital President and CEO. “I think, quite often, members of our communities see us as the place to go when they get sick, instead of looking to us as a place to help prevent illnesses. We all hope projects like our free flu shot clinics will increase the public’s awareness that we’re trying to improve the health in the communities we serve.”

The free flu shot 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 Control practitioner at 316-321-3300, or Gene Kimble, Director of Marketing at 316-322-4543.

Free Flu Shots

Preventing the flu saves you more than just money. It saves you the time involved in scheduling doctor's appointments and taking off work to get there. And it reduces the chances of spreading the virus to other members of the family and coworkers.

Good candidates for flu vaccinations:

- Families with children
- People with lowered immunity
- People who deal regularly with the elderly or the young
- People in high-density workplaces
- People expecting several holiday visitors

Saturday, November 3

EL DORADO

SBA Cancer Center • 700 W. Central • 8 - 10am

(will vaccinate any persons in line at 10am)

AUGUSTA

Augusta United Methodist Church • 2420 Ohio • 12 - 2pm

(will vaccinate any persons in line at 2pm)

*Vaccinations given to anyone 5 years and above
Quantity is limited*



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