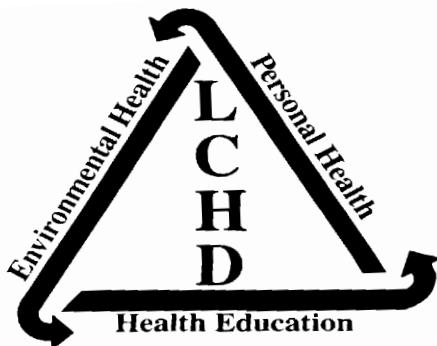


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“Walk-In Flu Vaccination Available this Week – No Appointment Needed”

Ottawa, IL - The LaSalle County Health Department is offering flu vaccines available beginning October 8th, daily from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. The Health Department is located at 717 Etna Rd., Ottawa

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine and Influenza HD (High Dose) Vaccine for persons 65 and older are available. In addition, VFC (Vaccine for Children) Flu vaccine is available. This would be for children 6 months through 18 years of age who have Medicaid or who have no insurance.

All LaSalle County Health Department influenza vaccines are preservative free. The fee for the seasonal flu shot will be \$25. The fee for influenza High Dose will be \$70.

You must have your insurance card and a Photo ID with you. No Doctor's order is required. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you are still in need of a COVID-19 vaccination, it is safe to receive the flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time. **However, all COVID-19 vaccinations must be scheduled. Please call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.** The Health Department strongly encourages everyone who is eligible to receive their flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine to ensure everyone is protected as they possibly can be as we head into cold and flu season.

To lessen your chances of developing the flu, adults and children need to practice good hygiene measures. Teach the importance of covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing, and educate children about hand to mucous membrane transmission. One of the best ways to protect yourself and your children is through frequent and thorough hand washing. People who are exhibiting “flu-like” symptoms should stay home from work, out of childcare and school to minimize transmission.

Remember the 3 C's: clean, cover, and contain:

- Clean** –frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water.
- Cover** –cover your cough and sneeze.
- Contain** –contain your germs by staying home if you are sick.

For additional information please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit our website at www.lasallecounty.org.

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