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Montco Extends Hours For Free Flu Vaccines; Urges Residents to Get Shots

Norristown, PA (January 11, 2013) – The Montgomery County Health Department has increased the hours free flu vaccines are available at its three health centers throughout the county. At the same time, officials urged residents to get flu shots from their doctors, local pharmacies, or the county centers.

“There has been an increase in influenza activity in all regions of the state, including Montgomery County,” said Josh Shapiro, chair of the Montgomery County Commissioners. “More than 7,000 flu cases were reported in Pennsylvania during the last two weeks of December 2012. Because the flu does not typically peak until mid-January or February, now is the time to get vaccinated. It is not too late.”

Influenza can occur at any time. In recent seasons, most infections have occurred in January and February. Getting vaccinated now will still be beneficial, officials stressed. Most people 6 months of age and older should get the flu vaccine every year!

Montgomery County residents can receive a free influenza immunization at any of the county’s three health centers. Please see the schedule below for dates, times, and locations.

Norristown Health Center
1430 DeKalb Street, Norristown, PA 19404
610-278-5145

Mondays— children under 19 years old by appointment only (times vary), please call for an appointment

Tuesdays-Fridays— all ages on a walk-in basis from 9:00am-3:00pm

Pottstown Health Center
364 King Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
610-970-5040

Mondays & Thursdays— all ages on a walk-in basis from 9:00am-3:00pm

Wednesdays—children under 19 years old by appointment only (times vary), please call for an appointment

Willow Grove Eastern Courthouse Annex

102 York Road, Suite 401, Willow Grove, PA 19090
215-784-5415

Thursdays— all ages by appointment from 9:00am-12:30pm (please call for an appointment)
and on a walk-in basis from 2:00pm-3:30pm on 1/17, 1/24, & 1/31

For additional locations providing flu vaccinations please visit: <http://flushot.healthmap.org/>

More information on the flu can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/spotlights/flu-activity-picks-up.htm>