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PRESS RELEASE

CITY OF YORK BUREAU OF HEALTH PROMOTES VOTE & VACCINATE ON ELECTION DAY

(November 2nd, 2018) York, PA — The City of York – Bureau of Health will be offering free flu vaccines for York City residents at two polling locations on Tuesday, November 6th from 7:00-9:00 am and 5:00-7:00 pm while supplies last.

VOTE & VACCINATE LOCATIONS ARE:

Crispus Attucks Community Center (605 S. Duke St.)

St. Matthews Lutheran Church (839 W. Market St.)

City residents who are uninsured or underinsured can also make an appointment to receive a flu vaccine at another time by calling 717-849-2299.

KEY FACTS ABOUT SEASONAL FLU VACCINE FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Why should people get vaccinated against the flu?

Influenza is a potentially serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently, but millions of people get the flu every year, hundreds of thousands of people are hospitalized and thousands or tens of thousands of people die from flu-related causes every year. An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to help protect against flu. Vaccination has been shown to have many benefits including reducing the risk of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and even the risk of flu-related death in children.

Who should get vaccinated this season?

Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season. This recommendation has been in place since February 24, 2010 when CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted for "universal" flu vaccination in the United States to expand protection against the flu to more people.

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Vaccination to prevent influenza is particularly important for people who are at high risk of serious complications from influenza. See [People at High Risk of Developing Flu-Related Complications](#) for a full list of age and health factors that confer increased risk.

Why do I need a flu vaccine every year?

A flu vaccine is needed every season for two reasons. First, the body's immune response from vaccination declines over time, so an annual vaccine is needed for optimal protection. Second, because flu viruses are constantly changing, the formulation of the flu vaccine is reviewed each year and updated as needed to keep up with changing flu viruses. For the best protection, everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated annually.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm>

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