

Jackson County Department of Public Health

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FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE STARTING OCTOBER 2nd

With the flu season approaching, the Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH) urges all residents to protect themselves, their families, and those around them by getting vaccinated against the flu. As we enter into flu season, it is important to remember that we are also experiencing a surge in COVID-19 caused by the Delta variant.

The flu can be a serious illness, especially for adults over the age of 65 years, children under five, pregnant women, and those with certain medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends flu vaccination for everyone 6 months and older with any licensed, age-appropriate flu vaccine. Vaccination against the flu can make illness milder and reduce the risk of more serious outcomes.

JCDPH will begin offering flu vaccines to the public on October 2, 2021. Drive thru clinics will be held on Tuesdays 2-6 PM and Saturdays 9-11AM, throughout the month of October at the health department. Prices range from \$45 to \$78, depending on the type of vaccine administered. No appointments are necessary and a variety of insurances are accepted.

For questions about the flu, call the Flu Line at 828-587-8201 or the Health Department's main line at 828-586-8994.

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