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Sedgwick County Health Department Closes Flu Shot Clinic

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department walk-in clinic for flu shots is closed. Flu shots will no longer be given at the regularly scheduled mobile clinic sites or at the 2716 West Central Clinical Services location.

Sedgwick County Health Department flu shot information by the numbers:

- Over 16,000 flu shots have been given
- 4,633 flu shots were given before October 24th to high risk only clients
- 417 flu shots were given at the special drive thru clinic
- 257 flu shots were given at the special Towne East flu shot clinic
- 40 regularly scheduled mobile sites provided flu shots
- 79 Special private clinics were scheduled for flu shots given at workplaces, schools, and churches.

If additional vaccine becomes available, the Health Department will purchase more and will let the community know through local media.

“We are pleased that so many residents took steps to help protect themselves and their loved ones from this year’s flu,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Dave Unruh. “Now, we can turn our attention to practicing healthy habits to stay well during the flu season.”

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With or without a flu shots, there are steps each of us can to do to stay healthy during flu season.

- **Clean your hands**
Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for 15 to 20 seconds. If soap and water aren't available, then use alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth**
Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
- **Avoid close contact**
Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- **Cover your mouth and nose**
Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- **Stay home when you are sick**
If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

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