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Sedgwick County Health Department Offering Flu Shots to High-Risk Individuals

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) The weather is getting cooler, which means flu season is just around the corner! The Sedgwick County Health Department is offering flu shots, through its Mobile Clinic and West Central location, for people who fall within the target groups for vaccinations as determined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The target group categories include individuals who are at high risk for flu-related complications and severe disease including:

- Children ages 6 – 59 months;
- Pregnant women;
- Adults ages 50 and older;
- Persons of any age with certain chronic medical conditions -such as heart disease, asthma, diabetes, kidney disorders, blood disorders, weakened immune systems or conditions that can weaken the respiratory system;
- Health care workers; and
- Household contacts who have frequent contact with persons at high risk, and who can transmit influenza to those persons at high risk

For a complete schedule of the Mobile Clinics, call 660-7300 or visit
www.sedgwickcounty.org

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The Health Department is providing flu shots for the target group categories at the West Central location, 2716 W. Central, during hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM and Thursday, 12:00 - 6:00 PM. Flu shots for the general public will be made available beginning on November 1.

The price for flu shots offered through the Health Department are \$30.00 for persons of 9 years of age and older, \$15.00 for persons 6 months to 8 years of age. Pneumonia shots will also be available for \$44.00. The Health Department has ordered 17,000 doses of the flu vaccine and has provided several ways to make the flu shot clinics convenient and accessible. In addition, flu vaccine is available for uninsured children who meet eligibility requirements.

“We are committed to urging citizens to adopt healthy lifestyles in our communities,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. “In addition to getting a flu shot, we are promoting three other practices that help prevent the flu. Cover your mouth when you cough, wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds, and stay home when you are sick. Visit our website at www.sedgwickcounty.org to download free handwashing and cover your cough posters.”

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