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Sedgwick County Health Department to Offer Flu Shots at a Drive Through Clinic on Saturday, October 4

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) The Sedgwick County Health Department will offer flu shots via a Drive Through Flu Clinic on Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m. – noon at the Clinical Services Location, 2716 W. Central. The Drive Through Clinic is open to all Sedgwick County citizens. Although all individuals are encouraged to be vaccinated for the seasonal flu, those who fall within the “high risk” group should be vaccinated as soon as possible. The Drive Through Clinic offers a convenient opportunity for high risk individuals to take care of this annual need. High risk individuals include:

- Children ages six - 59 months
- Pregnant women
- Adults ages 50 and older
- Persons living in nursing homes, chronic care facilities, or dormitories
- Persons of any age with certain chronic medical conditions -such as heart or lung disease, asthma, diabetes, kidney disorders, blood disorders, weakened immune systems or conditions that can weaken the respiratory system
- Health care workers
- Those who have frequent contact with persons at high risk

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Medicare, Medicaid, Cash or Check will be the accepted forms of payment at this clinic. The price for flu shots offered through the Health Department are \$30.00 for persons of nine years of age and older, \$15.00 for persons six months to eight years of age. Flu vaccine is available for uninsured children who meet eligibility requirements.

The Health Department has ordered more than 8,000 doses of the flu vaccine and has provided several ways to make the flu shot convenient and accessible. Besides the Drive Through Clinic, flu shots are available starting Monday, October 6, at the West Central location during hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Mobile clinics also are being hosted throughout the community. For a complete list of mobile clinic sites, call 660-7366.

“Flu shots provide a community-wide benefit. They protect those who get the shot as well as those who come into contact with individuals who have been vaccinated,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Tom Winters. “I encourage all citizens to seek out this health tool.”

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