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LCDPH Walk-In Flu Shot Clinic Wednesday as Part of National Influenza Vaccination Week

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December 5 to December 11 is National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW). “This provides a valuable opportunity to increase awareness of how important it is for people to get an annual flu shot,” said Ted Westmeier, Health Officer. “Getting vaccinated is the single best way for people to protect not only themselves against flu, but their loved ones as well.”

Infections typically peak in January or later, but influenza is very unpredictable and can be severe as last influenza season proved. Each year 5% to 20% of the United States (US) population contracts influenza causing more than 200,000 hospitalizations and between 3,000 and 49,000 deaths due to complications related to the flu

LCDPH is offering flu shots during our walk in immunization clinic on Wednesday – December 8th from 8:30 AM until 7:00 PM. The clinic is located at 2300 East Grand River Ave, (near Chilson Road) in Howell. Annual flu shots are recommended for everyone age six months and over this year. There are no restrictions on who can get the flu vaccine.

Children and adults may be eligible for flu vaccine at a reduced cost depending on their insurance status. The cost for the flu shot will be \$30 for adults. Medicare (Part B) will cover the total cost for a flu shot. We are unable to accept any Blue Cross/Blue Shield managed Medicare plans.

For more information about influenza and influenza vaccine, visit www.cdc.gov/flu and www.lchd.org.

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