



Village of Skokie

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Flu Shot Appointment Registration Opens September 1

During September and October, the Skokie Health Department will offer free flu shots to any interested Skokie resident over the age of six months on a first come, first served basis by appointment. Appointments can be set up beginning on Thursday, September 1, by clicking the Flu Shot link on the Village website at www.skokie.org. If you do not have internet access, call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 to make an appointment.

Influenza vaccination clinics will be held at the Oakton Community Center located at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street on:

- Tuesday, September 27 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Monday, October 3 from 3 until 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Proof of Skokie residency is required. If a resident has Medicare Part B, they are asked to bring their Medicare card so the Health Department can bill for reimbursement of the shot.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by different influenza viruses. Older people, young children and people with certain chronic health conditions are at high risk for serious flu complications.

The best way to prevent flu is by getting vaccinated each fall and following these sensible precautions:

- Clean your hands frequently.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home from work or school if you are sick.

Appointments can be set up on-line through the Village's website at www.skokie.org/HDMain.cfm. If you do not have internet access, you can call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 to make an appointment.

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