



JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Jackson County Health Department offers flu shots and screenings for colon cancer!

Getting a flu shot not only protects you during the upcoming flu season, but it also stops the spread of flu to others. Flu shots are recommended for everyone over 6 months of age.

Jackson County Health Department is now offering flu shots for all ages on a walk-in basis.

During this year's flu clinics, take-home colon cancer screening kits will be made available to those individuals who are 50 years and older and have not had a colonoscopy. For many reasons, people do not get a colonoscopy after the age of 50. Although the take-home kit is not meant to take the place of a colonoscopy, it is an option for people looking for a comfortable way to screen for colon cancer. When colorectal cancer is found at an early stage before it has spread, the 5-year relative survival rate is about 90%.

Walk-in flu vaccine and colorectal cancer screening kits are available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The health department is closed on Friday. An extended late clinic will be held until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11. In addition to the walk-in clinics, people can get their flu vaccine at health department clinics offered in the community (See table below.)

Flu vaccination is free for anyone with Medicare B, Medicaid, State employees and State retirees upon presentation of their insurance cards. The health department also accepts most insurance coverage including: United Health Care, Health Link, Health Alliance, Cigna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, Coventry, and Humana (please bring your insurance card). All standard dose flu vaccine formulations are \$43. High-dose flu vaccination is available for seniors ages 65 years and older. The cost is \$73 and it is covered by Medicare B.

Vaccination fees can also be paid by cash or check (debit or credit cards accepted only at the health department location).

JCHD Public Flu Clinics 2017

Locations

Dates and Times

SIUC Student Recreation Center (State employees and families)	Tuesday	October 17	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
SIUC Student Recreation Center (State employees and families)	Wednesday	October 25	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Jackson County Health Department Shred Day Event	Saturday	November 4	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For more information on community clinic dates and locations, check our website at www.jchdonline.org or call 684-3143. You can also visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JCHDonline

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