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### **Flu Vaccine Available to High-Risk Residents**

The Oak Park Health Department will offer an additional flu shot clinic to residents who are considered high risk. The clinic is scheduled from 3 - 7 p.m., Wed., Nov. 10, at the Health Department Clinic, 320 Lake St.

Those individuals eligible to receive a vaccination at the clinic are:

- Children ages six months to 23 months
- Adults age 65 or older
- Pregnant women (at least 14 weeks pregnant)
- Health care workers with direct face-to-face patient contact
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children younger than six months old
- Individuals ages two to 64 years with a chronic illness such as diseases of the lung (including asthma and emphysema), heart disease (including congestive heart failure), diabetes, kidney disease or diseases of the blood (sickle cell or immunosuppression, including HIV).

The clinic is restricted to members of these high-risk groups due to a national shortage of vaccine. Healthy people are urged to defer immunization this year to help ensure sufficient vaccine is available for those individuals who need it most.

The cost of the flu shot is \$20, but will be covered by Medicare B. Eligibility must be documented with a Medicare card.

For more information on the clinic call the Health Department at 708.358.5486 or email [health@oak-park.us](mailto:health@oak-park.us).

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