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### **Flu Shot Clinic to Help with Village Emergency Preparedness**

Oak Parkers who come to the Oct. 28th flu clinic at Julian Middle School may notice additional public health workers on hand. Public safety officials are taking advantage of the clinic setting to practice mass inoculation plans should an event require everyone in the Village to be vaccinated. A similar practice was conducted last year in conjunction with a flu shot clinic at Oak Park and River Forest High School.

“The Oak Park Department of Public Health will play a key role should the federal government require mass inoculations, such as against smallpox,” said Oak Park Health Director Georgeen Polyak, PhD. “The program has been organized at a national level, but local health departments would be required to actually dispense the vaccine.”

Dr. Polyak said the drill will help officials examine their written strategies under actual clinical conditions, although on a much smaller scale than what would be faced in an actual incident.

Police and fire personnel will be involved in the drill, according to Polyak, because they would have to protect the stockpile of vaccine, maintain order and provide any on-site emergency medical support that might be required for an event the size and scope of a mass inoculation of the entire Village. The Village also will have its Medical Reserve Corps volunteers on hand to practice their emergency support roles.

The drill should have no impact on those individuals who come for a flu shot. The clinic at Julian is one of six community flu shot clinics being held at locations throughout the Village during October and November.

For more information on the flu clinics, call 358.5601, email [health@oak-park.us](mailto:health@oak-park.us) or visit [www.oak-park.us](http://www.oak-park.us).

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**(Editor: Flu clinic schedule is attached)**

## Oak Park Community Flu Clinic Schedule

3 - 6 p.m., Tues, Oct. 25  
Dole Center  
255 Augusta St.

1 - 4 p.m., Thurs., Oct.27  
Oak Park Fire Department  
100 North Euclid Ave.

1 - 4 p.m., Fri, Oct. 28  
Percy Julian Middle School  
420 South Ridgeland Ave.

1 - 4 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 3  
Oak Park Fire Department  
100 North Euclid Ave.

1 - 4 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 17  
Oak Park Fire Department  
100 North Euclid Ave.

3 - 6 pm, Thurs., Dec. 1  
Oak Park Conservatory  
615 Garfield Ave.