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Appointments available for flu shots clinics

The Oak Park Department of Public Health is now making appointments for flu and pneumonia shots that will be given in November and December. The department moved to appointment-only flu shot clinics last year to improve customer service by eliminating the prospect of citizens standing in long lines. Flu shots currently are being scheduled for the following dates and times:

1 – 4 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 1
Main Oak Park Fire Department
100 S. Euclid Ave.

4 – 7 p.m., Tues., Nov. 13
Village Hall, Room 101
123 Madison St.

9 a.m.-12 p.m., Sat., Nov. 17
PCC Wellness Center
12 Lake St.

1 – 4 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 29
Main Oak Park Fire Department
100 S. Euclid Ave.

4 – 7 p.m., Wed., Dec. 12
Oak Park Conservatory
615 Garfield St.

1 – 4 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 20
Main Oak Park Fire Department
100 S. Euclid Ave.

Annual vaccination against influenza is recommended for all persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with the flu or of spreading flu to others. Residents over age 65 and the chronically ill are strongly encouraged to have a pneumonia vaccination as well. Flu shots are \$20 and pneumococcal shots are \$30. Shots are free for residents under 18 years of age and Medicare B recipients who demonstrate eligibility. Medicare HMO recipients should check with their insurer before scheduling an appointment.

To schedule an appointment, call the flu hotline at 708.358.5601. No walk-ins please. For more information on flu prevention, call 708.358.5480 or e-mail health@oak-park.us. Information also is posted at www.oak-park.us/health.

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