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No FLUin'...It's Time to Get Movin'! DeKalb Public Health's Drive-Thru Vaccination Event is Fri., Sept. 20

DECATUR, **Ga.** – As recent brisk morning temperatures mark fall's impending arrival, DeKalb health officials are preparing to help protect DeKalb County residents against the spread of respiratory illnesses.

On Friday, Sept. 20, DeKalb Public Health will host a drive-thru vaccination event at its North DeKalb Health Center, located at 3807 Clairmont Rd. NE, in Chamblee. The hours for seniors and individuals with special needs are from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For children (ages 6 and up), adults, and seniors, the hours are from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Preregistration is not required.

Three variations of flu shot will be available – Fluarix, for children six months and older; Flublok for adults 18 years and older, immunocompromised individuals, or those who would like a vaccine that may give a higher level of protection; and Fluzone High-Dose for individuals aged 65 years and older, providing a higher level of protection for this age group. In addition to flu shots, FluMist, a flu vaccine that is sprayed into the nose, will be available for children ages 6 through 12. A limited supply of the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine will also be available for those who desire to receive it.

Anyone receiving a vaccine should bring their insurance information and photo ID. These vaccines are available at no cost with most private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare. If you are not insured or your plan doesn't fully cover the cost, it's available for a low cost. Cash, checks (drawn on banks with branch locations in Georgia), and credit/debit cards are accepted. To see if your insurance plan is accepted, visit the DeKalb Public Health website or call 404-294-3700.

After this event, vaccines are available on an appointment and walk-in basis Monday through Friday between 8:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays recognized by the State of Georgia, at the following regional health center locations:

Clifton Springs Health Center 3110 Clifton Springs Road Decatur, GA 30032

East DeKalb Health Center 2277 S. Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road Lithonia, GA 30083 North DeKalb Health Center 3807 Clairmont Road NE Chamblee, GA 30341

T.O. Vinson Health Center 440 Winn Way Decatur, GA 30030

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