



JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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JCHD URGES GETTING SEASONAL FLU SHOTS EARLY

(OLATHE, KS – **AUGUST 19, 2009**) The Johnson County Health Department (JCHD) is urging people to get their seasonal flu shot as soon as vaccine becomes available.

“Please contact your healthcare provider or other convenient local site when the seasonal vaccine is available,” Lougene Marsh, Johnson County Health Department Director, said. “The seasonal flu vaccine protects you from that illness throughout the entire flu season.”

JCHD will hold a drive-thru seasonal flu vaccination clinic on September 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (or while supplies last) at the southeast corner of 97th and Metcalf, behind Sears in Overland Park. The vaccinations will be first come, first served to those 18 and older only.

It is important to remember that no matter the strain of flu, all flu is transmitted the same way. In addition to receiving a vaccination, follow these simple suggestions to help stop the spread of all illness:

- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough
- Stay home when you are sick.

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