



JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

dedicated to the prevention of disease and promotion of wellness for our community.

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

(OLATHE, KS –**DECEMBER 6, 2007**) Flu season has not yet peaked in Kansas, so it's not too late to get your flu shot! The Johnson County Health Department has vaccine available for \$14 for those six months and older, while supplies last. The vaccine has been made available through a donation from the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Kansas City.

The flu vaccine is available from 8:30 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Thursday and 8:30 AM to Noon on Friday. No appointment is necessary.

Both clinic sites have the vaccine:

11875 S. Sunset, #300
Olathe, KS 66061

6000 Lamar, #140
Mission, KS 66202

"The peak months for flu are January through March, so it's not too late to get the vaccine. We want to protect as many people as possible," Leon Vinci, Johnson County Director of Public Health, said.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) an estimated average of 114,000 people are hospitalized as a result of influenza-associated infections each year and 36,000 Americans die each year from influenza. The flu is typically spread from one person to another from coughing and sneezing. Washing your hands, covering your cough, and staying home when you are sick will help decrease the spread of flu and other illnesses.

For updated information on the vaccine, go to the Web site at www.jocoflu.org or <http://health.jocogov.org>.

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