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**PINELLAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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**Pinellas County Health Department Announces  
Receipt of Small Supply of Adult Flu Vaccine**

The Pinellas County Health Department has received an additional shipment of 1,370 doses of adult flu vaccine for distribution. With this shipment, the health department has received a total of 10,689 doses of flu vaccine for adults. The health department has distributed the majority of the vaccine it has received to area nursing homes, healthcare facilities and healthcare providers.

In accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the health department will continue to distribute limited supplies of flu vaccine to the following:

- Hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities;
- Physicians' offices and walk-in clinics; \*\*
- High-risk individuals at previously contracted sites; and
- City and county emergency responders.

The Pinellas County Health Department does not have any public flu shot clinics scheduled at this time. However, the department expects to receive additional flu vaccine in the coming weeks and may be able to offer flu shots to the at-risk public if sufficient additional doses are received.

For recorded information about local distribution of flu vaccine, call the Pinellas County Health Department at (727) 824-6900, and choose option 2. For additional information, visit [www.pinellashealth.com](http://www.pinellashealth.com) and click on "Flu Vaccine," or visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

\*\* Physicians in Pinellas County who wish to acquire flu vaccine for their at-risk patients are asked to call (727) 820-4129 or log on to [www.pinellashealth.com/flu vaccine/index.asp](http://www.pinellashealth.com/flu vaccine/index.asp) to notify the health department of their flu vaccine needs.

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