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**Pinellas County Health Department Expects Additional Flu Vaccine**

*It is not too late to get a flu shot, since Florida's flu season is just beginning*

The Pinellas County Health Department expects to receive another limited supply of flu vaccine by mid-week. The health department will distribute a large portion of this expected shipment to area providers, mostly walk-in clinics, and will once again be offering flu shots by appointment at the following locations:

St. Petersburg Health Center  
205 Dr. Martin Luther King St. N.  
St. Petersburg  
824-6900, ext. 11552

Pinellas Park Health Center  
6350 76<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
Pinellas Park  
547-7780, ext. 147

Clearwater Health Center  
310 N. Myrtle Avenue  
Clearwater  
469-5800, ext. 125

Last week, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) amended the high-risk categories of those who should receive a flu vaccine to include **individuals 50 and over**. In December, DOH amended the risk categories to include children 6 to 35 months and household contacts of individuals in the risk categories.

High-risk individuals who should receive a flu vaccine this year include:

- Individuals 50 and over
- Children age 6 to 35 months
- Caregivers of infants under the age of 6 months
- Individuals with chronic health problems
- All household contacts of high-risk individuals
- All women who will be pregnant during flu season
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- Healthcare workers

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Those in the risk categories should also be vaccinated against pneumonia. This vaccination combats an infection often contracted after the flu. To obtain a pneumonia vaccination, individuals should contact their regular healthcare provider. Additionally, pneumonia vaccine is available through the health department.

At the Pinellas County Health Department, cost for a flu shot or pneumonia shot is \$20.00 per person, no charge for individuals with Medicare Part B.

While the Pinellas County Health Department's current supply of flu vaccine is limited, additional vaccine is expected to become available during the next few weeks. The health department will continue to offer flu shots as long as supply is available and will re-open clinics as new shipments arrive.

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*The mission of the Pinellas County Health Department is to promote, protect and improve the health and safety of residents and visitors through public and private community efforts.*