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Free flu shots available at two public clinics in Anchorage

On Friday Dec. 16, shots will be for ages 18-64; on Monday Dec. 19 there will be shots for ages 18 and older, including seniors

ANCHORAGE — Two mid-December shot clinics will offer free flu shots to the public.

The Family Medical Dental Center is partnering with the Alaska Division of Public Health to provide free flu shots to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16. The shots are appropriate for Alaskans age 18 through 64. The center is located at 4361 Boniface Parkway, near the intersection with Tudor Road. Please R.S.V.P. to 333-1211 so the clinic can have the appropriate amount of vaccine on hand.

The Division of Public Health will also offer Alaskans 18 and older free flu shots from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19. Alaskans 65 and older should bring their Medicare cards. The Monday free clinic will be held in the Atwood Building, Suite 240, 550 W. Seventh Ave. Contact Doreen Stangel, 269-8000, for more information.

“Alaska’s flu season usually peaks after January, so it’s still an excellent time to take advantage of this free vaccine,” said Dr. Joe McLaughlin, chief of the Alaska Section of Epidemiology, Department of Health and Social Services.

WHAT: Free flu shots

WHERE, WHEN & FOR WHOM:

- 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday Dec. 16, Family Medical Dental Center, 4361 Boniface Parkway; ages 18-64
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday Dec. 19, Atwood Building Suite 240, 550 W. Seventh Ave.; ages 18+

Providers or organizations who would like to offer their own clinics can find a vaccine order form at www.epi.alaska.gov/id/iz/FREEAdultFluVaccineOrderForm.pdf. Providers may not charge for the vaccine; they may charge for administering it.

Anchorage organizations will be asked to pick up their orders; the state will ship vaccine to locations outside the Anchorage area.

For more information, contact the Section of Epidemiology, 907-269-8622, as soon as possible before supplies run out.

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