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City of El Paso Offers Free Flu Vaccines for Community

Be PowerFlu Prevention Campaign Aimed at Saving Lives

EL PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso Fire Department and Department of Public Health along with many partnering agencies are offering **free flu vaccines** to those six month of age and older during this flu season.

The “Be PowerFlu” prevention campaign aims to reduce the number of flu cases and prevent serious related illness during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

“We know that similar to COVID-19, the flu can be serious and even deadly for those with underlying medical conditions,” said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City-County Health Authority. “What we don’t know is how the flu and COVID will attack the body if they are contracted together during this flu season, so we’re urging the community to be proactive by getting the flu vaccine and continue practicing social distancing, wearing a face cover, and practicing healthy hygiene.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that everyone older than 6 months receive a flu shot every year. Reducing the number of flu cases will also reduce the number of flu-related hospitalizations, which in turn will help keep hospital rooms available for those being treated for COVID-19 infections and other serious illnesses.

Flu shots are **free** and available to members of the community 6 months of age and older. Visit bepowerflu.com, click on the patient questionnaire button to print and fill out the questionnaire which **must be turned in when getting your flu shot**.

No appointments are needed.

The following **drive-thru** sites are open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the following locations:

City Eastside Site

301 George Perry Blvd., El Paso, TX

City Westside Site

7400 High Ridge Dr., El Paso, TX

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Additional locations offering free flu shots this week are as follows:

Drive-Thru Locations:

- **October 5 & 7 | 9 a.m – 3 p.m.**
Ysleta ISD, 9600 Sims, El Paso, TX
- **October 6 & 8 | 12 p.m – 6 p.m.**
Ysleta ISD, 9600 Sims, El Paso, TX

Walk-In Locations:

- **October 10 | 9 a.m – 12 p.m.**
Centro de Salud La Fe, 1713 Banker Rd., El Paso, TX
- **October 10 | 9 a.m – 12 p.m.**
Centro de Salud La Fe, 12101 Socorro Rd., Socorro, TX

For more information and additional schedules click here or visit bepowerflu.com.

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