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Health Department Announces Flu Clinics

Iron River and Kingsford, Michigan – September 17, 2018. The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department (DIDHD) announces plans to conduct the following walk- in community influenza (flu) immunization clinics.

In Iron County a clinic will be held in conjunction with the Aspirus Iron River Hospital Health Fair at the Windsor Center in Iron River on Wednesday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In Dickinson County a drive thru/walk-in clinic will be held in conjunction with Bay College and Dickinson County Healthcare System at Bay College on Monday, October 1 from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Additional community clinics will be held at the following locations:

- West Iron County School October 2 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.
- Norway School October 3 3 – 5 p.m.
- North Dickinson School October 4 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- DC & IC Health Department October 8 2 – 6 p.m.
- DC & IC Health Department October 15 2 – 6 p.m.
- Sagola Senior Center October 16 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Crystal Falls Community Center October 16 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
- Econofoods October 17 8:30 – 11 a.m.
- Forest Park Schools October 23 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

The flu immunization can be billed to Medicare part B, Michigan Medicaid and most private health insurances.

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Health officials state it is very important to receive the seasonal flu vaccine. Flu is a contagious disease. It is caused by the influenza virus, which can be spread by coughing, sneezing, or nasal secretions. Infants, the elderly, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions – such as heart, lung or kidney disease or a weakened immune system – are at higher risk for complication from the flu virus. Flu can cause high fever and pneumonia, and make existing medical conditions worse. Each year thousands of people die from seasonal flu and even more require hospitalization. The single best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against the flu is to get vaccinated each year. It is recommended that everyone 6 months of age and older receive a flu vaccine.

The DIDHD also encourages new parents, health care professionals, and those who have contact with people age 65 and older to get vaccinated to help protect these high-risk individuals.

These immunizations are billable to Medicare Part B, Michigan Medicaid and most private health insurance companies. For more information visit www.cdc.gov or contact the Health Department at (906)774-1868 or (906)265-9913.

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