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Our Entire Community

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Flu Shots Time is Here

A major concern at the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) since COVID-19 arrived in our nation has been that the flu season would combine with the pandemic and flood hospitals.

Well, the flu season is here and to date it's been relatively mild with only one lab-confirmed case. We now have a chance to take action to help keep it that way.

Get a flu shot. While it's not perfect, a flu shot remains your best protection against seasonal influenza. The DCHD has planned for a number of free flu clinics during the next couple days.

Thursday, 11/19/20:

Chubb's Finer Foods (2905 N. 16th Street) 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Phil's Cash Saver (3030 Ames Ave) 2-4 p.m.

Friday, 11/20/20:

Phil's Cash Saver (3030 Ames Ave) 1-3 p.m.

Chubb's Finer Foods (2905 N. 16th Street) 2-4 p.m.

Remember, there also are many fine merchants in Douglas County where you can get a flu shot. Many of those are free if you have insurance.

On Wednesday, November 18, DCHD reported 844 new cases of COVID-19 were received as of midnight the past day. The total number of cases in Douglas County now is 32,990 since the pandemic began in March.

During the past day, DCHD has received five new death certificates related to the pandemic. We have lost one man in his 50s and two men and two women over 80 years of age. The total number of deaths in the county connected to the pandemic now totals 280. The Health Department has confirmed 17,404 county residents have recovered from COVID-19.

According to our most recent report received today, metro area hospitals had 280 medical and surgical beds available for an 81% occupancy rate with 58 adult ICU beds available for an 83% occupancy rate. There were 423 individuals hospitalized who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, with 127 of them receiving adult ICU level care. There are also 53 more persons of interest (generally waiting for test results). Fifty individuals who were confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 were on ventilators.

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