



Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health

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Health Department Continues to Hold Community Flu Clinics

(Mason City) — The Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health's Community Flu Vaccine Clinics will continue into November. The vaccine will continue to be given at Department's walk-in immunization clinic while supplies last.

Below is the schedule of remaining community clinics:

Date	Time	Location
Saturday, October 21	9:00AM – NOON	Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health Saturday Clinic
Monday, October 30	11AM-NOON	Community Kitchen
Saturday, November 18	9:00AM - NOON	Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health Saturday Clinic

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends yearly flu vaccination for individuals six months of age and older. The CDC recommends getting the flu vaccine by the end of October. The immunization provides protection against the influenza strains contained in the vaccine and lasts the whole season (September –May typically).

"The best way to prevent becoming ill by the influenza virus is by getting vaccinated," said Jeni Stiles, Infectious Disease Nurse, Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health.

The Health Department will be offering the following types of flu vaccine:

- Flu shot \$35
- 65 and older flu shot \$60
- Pneumovax Vaccine \$127
- PCV 13 (Prevnar) \$224

The Health Department offers various payment options.

- Vaccine For Children Program (VFC). Vaccine is free of charge if your child meets the following requirements: child has no health insurance, child is American Indian or Alaskan Native, child is enrolled in Medicaid or child is under-insured.
- Individuals can purchase the vaccine at full cost at the day of the clinic.
- We also accept most major health insurances. With insurance, no money is collected at the time of the vaccination; services are billed directly to insurance. Any remaining balance is billed to the

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client after insurance has paid for its portion of the service. The Health Department accepts the following insurances:

- Wellmark (Blue Cross, Blue Shield)
- Cigna
- North Iowa Community Health Care
- Medicare Part B
- Medicaid (AmeriHealth, AmeriGroup, United Healthcare)
- United Healthcare and UMR
- Hawki
- Aetna with North Iowa Community Healthcare

The Health Department Immunization Clinic is located in Mason City at Mohawk Square (22 North Georgia Avenue, Mason City) on the third floor.

Regular Clinic Hours: 10:00 AM – Noon & 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM, Monday – Friday

Upcoming Extended Clinic Hours

- Saturday, October 21 9:00 AM – Noon
- Saturday, November 18 9:00 AM – Noon

For more information about influenza or the Health Department's community flu clinic schedule, please call (641) 421-9321. Or visit our web site at www.cghealth.com where you can sign up for our electronic newsletter that provides notification of upcoming flu clinics and other helpful health information.

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