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NEWS RELEASE

THE EPFD EXTENDS VACCINATIONS FOR HEALTH PROGRAM

EL PASO, Texas – The El Paso Fire Department is encouraging the community to take advantage of the Vaccinations for Health program. Vaccinations for Health provides free blood pressure and glucose screenings to patients of any age, free flu vaccines to patients 18 and older, and free pneumonia vaccines to those 65 and older.

With the flu season still in force, the Fire Department is extending the program by adding additional dates on March:

Wednesday, March 6: EPFD Safety Health and Outreach Center, 5415 Trowbridge Dr. 1:00PM to 5:00PM

Wednesday, March 13: EPFD Safety Health and Outreach Center, 5415 Trowbridge Dr. 1:00PM to 5:00PM

Wednesday, March 20: EPFD Safety Health and Outreach Center, 5415 Trowbridge Dr. 1:00PM to 4:30PM

The EPFD would like to remind everyone that the vaccinations and health screenings service is FREE to residents of El Paso and Hudspeth County that DO NOT have medical insurance or are on Medicaid.

The goal of the program is to increase the wellness of the community in an effort to achieve the City's goal to nurture and promote a healthy and sustainable community.

In addition to the flu vaccine, public health officials remind the public to practice the four C's in order to help reduce the incidence of infection.

- 1. CLEAN** - Wash your hands often. Scrub your hands for at least 30 seconds with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- 2. COVER** – Cover your cough. Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Don't have a tissue? The crook of your elbow will do.
- 3. CONTAIN** – Contain germs by steering clear of others who are sick. If you do get sick, stay home until you're well again, so you don't spread more germs.
- 4. CALL** – Call or see your doctor if you or your child has a fever greater than 100 degrees.

For more information about the vaccination clinics, residents are encouraged to call 3-1-1 or visit health.elpasofire.org and salud.elpasofire.org. To learn more about flu prevention, flu surveillance and additional health resources, visit the City of El Paso Department of Public Health website at ephealth.com and epsalud.com.

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