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Be PowerFlu Prevention Campaign Aims at Reducing Number of Cases, Saving Lives

City Offers Free Drive Thru Flu Vaccines in Clint

EL PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso Department of Public Health along with many partnering agencies are offering free flu vaccines to those four years of age and older during this flu season. The “Be PowerFlu” prevention campaign is meant 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, 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.”

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends 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.

The following sites will be available this weekend targeting students, staff and members of the Clint community:

East Montana Middle School
3490 N Ascencion St.
Friday, September 18, 2020
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Frank Macias Elementary
14400 Golden Eagle Drive
Saturday, September 19, 2020
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Additional locations will be announced next week and information on sites and schedules will be available at EPHealth.com under the Flu tab.

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