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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Health Department Announces Influenza Vaccination Clinics

Iron River and Kingsford, Michigan – September 6, 2022. The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department (DIDHD) announces plans to conduct the following off-site community influenza (flu) immunization clinics. Please contact the office directly at 906-774-1868 (Dickinson County) or 906-265-9913 (Iron County) to make an appointment.

DICKINSON COUNTY CLINIC DATES:

- **Monday, September 26, 2022 (3-6 p.m.) – Health Department – Appointment Required**
- **Monday, October 3, 2022 (2-5 p.m.) – Health Department – Appointment Required**
- **Monday, October 10, 2022 (3-6 p.m.) – Health Department – Appointment Required**
- **Thursday, October 13, 2022 (3-5 p.m.) – Norway School, Library – Walk-In Clinic**

IRON COUNTY CLINIC DATES:

- **Monday, September 26, 2022 (3-6 p.m.) – Health Department – Appointment Required**
- **Monday, October 3, 2022 (2-5 p.m.) – Health Department – Appointment Required**
- **Monday, October 10, 2022 (3-6 p.m.) – Health Department – Appointment Required**
- **Wednesday, October 19, 2022 (3:15-4:30 p.m.) – Forest Park School, Multipurpose Rm – Walk-In Clinic**

For Influenza vaccine, the Health Department will bill Medicare Part B, Michigan Medicaid and

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most private health insurances. Bring a copy of your insurance card. For self-pay, we accept checks or exact change. Self-pay prices for influenza vaccine are as follows; Standard Flu - \$35.00 and High Dose Flu - \$75.00.

Health officials state it is very important to receive the seasonal flu vaccine. Flu is a contagious disease 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. A flu vaccine a great tool to decrease the chance hospitalization due to influenza. Our goal is increase influenza vaccination, decrease flu related hospitalizations, and spare the local hospital systems from overcrowding or overwhelming. 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.

For those individuals with access to the internet, consent forms for influenza are available at didhd.org. Please print and fill out a consent form prior to arriving at your appointment; this will help keep the clinic flow moving. For those who are unable, there will be consents available at time of check in.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Health Department at (906) 774-1868 or (906) 265-9913.

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