



Columbia County Department of Health

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The Columbia County Department of Health has received the seasonal flu vaccine and has scheduled its first two community drive-thru clinics for all Columbia County residents ages 2 and up who would like a flu shot. Separate online pre-registration is open for each clinic. Pre-registration is required. If you do not register ahead of time, you cannot be vaccinated at that clinic. A separate registration form must be completed for each individual who wishes to be vaccinated. Photo ID is required for each adult vaccinated.

If you are sick with any symptoms associated with flu or COVID-19 illness (fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, chills, new loss of taste or smell, or extreme headache), please DO NOT come to the drive-thru clinic; call your primary care doctor or call our office at 518-828-3358 for further guidance.

You can register for a clinic by going to the Columbia County Department of Health website at www.columbiacountynyhealth.com and clicking on the link for the clinic you would like to attend. If you do not have access to the internet you can call the drive-thru influenza clinic registration message line at 518-828-3358 extension 1310. Leave your name and phone number and a staff member will contact you to complete your registration.

Please note: We DO NOT offer the high dose (or senior) flu vaccination at drive-thru clinics. We have a limited supply of senior flu vaccine available by appointment at the Health Department. Please call (518) 828-3358 to schedule.

Saturday, September 25, 2021

9:00 AM- 11:00 AM

Roe Jan Library

Route 22 Hillsdale NY 12529

<https://forms.gle/BZjcvVW2a1dAAcXT7>

Saturday, October 2, 2021

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Columbia-Greene Community College Upper parking Lot

4400 Route 23, Hudson NY 12534

<https://forms.gle/DJg7jyP4tqu7isuD8>

ADDITIONAL DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

The Health Department will accept the following insurance plans: Blue Shield of North East New York, CDPHP, Fidelis, Medicare Part B, MVP, and Medicaid. Other Senior Plans may be billed including some Blue Cross Blue Shield Plans.

If you are uninsured or underinsured you may be eligible for a lower fee or a no fee for the flu vaccine.

All others are expected to pay a fee of \$42.00 for the flu vaccine. Exact cash amount or checks accepted. No debit or credit cards.

Flu vaccine will be also be offered by appointment only at the regularly scheduled immunization clinic every Tuesday from 1:00-3:30 pm at the Columbia County Health Department located at 325 Columbia Street, Hudson, NY on the 1st floor. An evening immunization clinic is also available on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:30 p.m. All clinics are by appointment only.

Flu vaccine is the best protection we have from the flu and its complications. Flu vaccine also helps prevent spreading flu from person to person. Talk to your doctor before getting the flu shot if you ever had a serious allergic reaction to eggs or to a previous flu shot, or have a history of Guillian-Barre Syndrome.