

Kane County Health Department

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Walk-in flu vaccine clinics will continue through January

One of the best New Year's resolutions you can make this year is to protect yourself and your family from the flu. The cold days of January and February are typically when the flu season begins to peak, and getting vaccinated is the best protection. That is why the Kane County Health Department will be continuing its flu vaccine clinics through the end of January.

The Health Department will be offering walk-in flu clinics at its Aurora office, 1240 N. Highland Ave. Clinic hours are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, while supplies of flu vaccine last. No appointment is necessary.

The Health Department accepts many insurance cards. Please call the Health Department's Bee Wize, Immunize phone line at 866-233-9493 or at 630-264-7665 to learn if your insurance is accepted or log on to our website <u>here</u>. Please bring your insurance card with you. Without insurance the cost of the vaccine is \$15, payable by check or cash. Public health officials recommend that everyone six months of age and older should be vaccinated against influenza, especially pregnant women, young children, people 65 years of age and older, and anyone with underlying health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or a weakened immune system. The Kane County Health Department provides a wealth of information about influenza on its website at <u>www.kanehealth.com</u>. You will find the weekly report that details flu-like illness activity in Kane County, a locator map for additional locations where you can receive the vaccine, educational materials and more.

If you have questions, please call the Health Department's Bee Wize, Immunize phone line at 866-233-9493 or at 630-264-7665.