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Health Advisory: Walk-In Flu Clinics

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department would like to advise that there has been a drastic increase in flu reports this season. In just the last two months, there have been 45 confirmed hospitalized flu cases and 1 death in Lucas County. The flu has affected individuals in all age groups in Ohio and Lucas County, not just those in traditional high risk groups.

At the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department we have only a limited number of flu vaccine doses remaining. If you have not gotten your flu vaccination yet this season, we urge you to do so now. Our flu vaccine is the quadrivalent vaccine designed to protect against four different flu viruses; two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses.

To best address the current situation, we will be holding two special walk-in flu clinics. The walk-in flu clinics will run on Wednesday, January 15^{th} from 4 - 6 pm and on Saturday, January 18^{th} from 9 - 1 pm, subject to limited vaccine availability. Both of these clinics will be held at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department (635 N Erie St.) in the main lobby.

The cost of an adult flu vaccination is \$30. Medicaid, Medicare, and many health insurances can be billed directly for this vaccination.

For additional information, please check our website at <u>www.lucascountyhealth.com</u> and Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/tlchd</u>.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Health Department at 419-213-4163.

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