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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention Woodbridge Township Residents... Annual Flu & Pneumonia Shots Available Oct. 7 @ Evergreen Center and Oct. 22 @ Health Center

WOODBRIIDGE – Mayor John E. McCormac today announced that the Woodbridge Township Department of Health & Human Services has scheduled Flu and Pneumonia Clinics for Oct. 7 and 22.

Mayor McCormac said the Health Department's professional nursing staff will administer the flu and pneumonia vaccine on **Tues., Oct. 7 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon** at the **Evergreen Senior Center**, 400 Inman Avenue, Colonia and on **Wed., Oct. 22 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.** at the **Woodbridge Health Center**, 2 George Frederick Plaza in Woodbridge. Flu shots are free to Medicare patients (must present a valid Medicare card) and \$15.00 for all other patients. Woodbridge Township residents are encouraged to call the Health Center's Nursing Division at (732) 855-0600 x5036 or 5012 for more information. Individuals with a handicap condition may call (732) 855-0600 x5011 to schedule an individual appointment.

Township Health Director Dennis Green said that adults over age 50, health care providers, caretakers for high risk patients, residents of nursing homes and other institutions housing long-term care patients, women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season and individuals with chronic heart and lung problems, diabetes and conditions that lower body resistance should receive annual flu shots. Healthy adults 65 years of age and older and adults of any age with chronic heart and lung disease or serious chronic disease that may affect the lungs should receive a one-timer dose pneumonia vaccine.

"Flu shots are the first line of defense against a very serious illness," Mayor McCormac said. "This year, we have plenty of flu vaccine and are endeavoring to make it as easy as possible for everyone to get a flu shot. By offering extended hours at the Health Center and at the Evergreen Senior Center, we hope to reach anyone who requires a flu or pneumonia shot."