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For Immediate Release:

Floyd Valley Influenza Vaccine Clinics

Floyd Valley Clinics will be providing additional flu vaccinations clinics. The dates, times, and locations are listed below. This year's vaccines cover four strains of influenza (quadrivalent):

- Standard vaccine is available for ages 6 months and older.
- High-dose influenza vaccine is available for ages 65 and older.
- Flublok influenza vaccine is available for ages 18 to 49 years of age who are immunocompromised and high risk individuals.

All people 6 months of age and older should get flu vaccine. Vaccination is especially important for people at higher risk of severe influenza and their close contacts, including healthcare personnel and close contacts of children younger than 6 months. People who should not be vaccinated include:

- People who have had a life-threatening reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past.
- People who have ever had Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously.
- Influenza vaccine is not approved for use in children less than 6 months of age
- People who are moderately or severely ill should wait until they recover before getting immunized.

Immunization clinics will be held on:

- Thursday, October 22 from 5 – 7 p.m.
Le Mars Clinic (West Entrance) – Community Education Room
- Tuesday, October 27 from 5 - 7 p.m.
Le Mars Clinic (West Entrance) – Community Education Room

Immunization clinics do not require an appointment. You may also request a vaccination at any regularly scheduled appointment with your provider.

Cost for the influenza vaccine is \$25.00 for the standard vaccine or \$58 for the high dose vaccine (age 65+). If you are eligible for **Medicare**, please bring your Medicare card (Part B) or Medicare Advantage card with you. If you are covered by insurance, please bring that card with you. Floyd Valley Healthcare participates in the **VFC** program (Vaccines for Children) which is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who are not insured or underinsured.

You may print off influenza consent forms at FloydValley.org under Clinic & Physicians / Forms, fill out and bring with you to help speed up the process. For further information, please contact Floyd Valley Clinics by calling 712-546-8111. Information may also be found on the internet at cdc.gov and idph.state.ia.us.

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