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Gallatin City-County Health Department to Hold Walk-In Flu Vaccine Clinics with an Option for COVID-19 Bivalent Boosters

Gallatin City-County Health Department (GCCHD) will hold two (2) walk-in flu clinics in October. The first clinic, held on October 12, will also have an option for individuals 12 years or older to get their COVID-19 bivalent booster dose. This year's flu vaccine provides protection against the four (4) flu viruses that are thought to be the most likely to circulate in the United States this year.

"It's very important for residents in Gallatin County to get their flu and COVID-19 boosters this fall," said Lori Christenson, Gallatin County Health Officer. "We've already seen flu cases in Montana in September, which may be an early indicator of a severe flu season, so we ask everyone to take precautions to protect themselves and others."

Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people including infants, young children, people 65 years or older, those who are pregnant, people with certain health conditions, and those with a weakened immune system. Flu vaccines are for anyone six (6) months old or older.

Walk-In Clinics This Fall:

- **Wednesday, October 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** - located at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Building 4 - *Optional COVID-19 Bivalent Booster*
- **Friday, October 28 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** - located at the health department, 215 W. Mendenhall Street, Bozeman - Flu vaccine only

If you have health insurance, please bring your insurance card. GCCHD will be billing insurance for the flu vaccine only. Most insurances, including Medicare and Medicaid, will cover the flu vaccine as a preventative service at no charge to you. Additionally, for those seeking a COVID-19 booster dose, please bring your current COVID-19 vaccine card.

The flu vaccine pricing:

- Regular price: \$42 per person
- No Insurance: \$21 per person, payable at time of service
- High Dose (65 and older) – covered by Medicare

There is no waiting period between getting your flu vaccine and getting your COVID-19 vaccine. However, you must wait at least two (2) months after your last COVID-19 vaccine dose to get the bivalent booster. The COVID-19 bivalent booster doses are for those who are 12 years old or older.

The Healthy Gallatin website is the best location for the most up-to-date information on both flu and COVID-19. Please visit us at www.healthygallatin.org.