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Southeastern District Health Department to Hold Flu Vaccination Clinics

Oneida County Office to Offer Flu Vaccinations

Malad - The Southeastern District Health Department (SDHD) will be holding flu vaccination clinics. Influenza, a contagious disease that is caused by the influenza virus, attacks the respiratory tract in humans. The flu is different from a cold in that it comes on suddenly and may include these symptoms: fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, and body aches. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that vaccination efforts during October and November focus on persons at greatest risk for influenza-related complications. These include:

- *People 65 years old or older – Even if you're in great health*
- *Adults and children with a chronic health condition – Such as heart disease, asthma, and diabetes*
- *And new this year, children who are between the ages of 6 and 23 months*

The upcoming flu clinics will be held at the following locations on the listed dates:

Malad Senior Center, 26 N. Main Street, Wednesday, October 17, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Oneida County Health Department Building, 175 S. 300 East; Friday, October 26, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

People wishing to receive their flu vaccination from the Malad Senior Center will need to call 766-2250 to make an appointment. Those who wish to receive their flu vaccination from SDHD's Oneida County office will need to make an appointment by calling 766-4764. The cost for the flu vaccination for adults is \$23 per person. For individuals who qualify for the Vaccine for Children's Program, the cost is \$14 per person. Medicare and Medicaid can be billed as long as participants bring in their medical card. For more information, or to schedule a special appointment, please call Chris Evens at **766-4764**.

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