



Southeastern Idaho Public Health

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Southeastern Idaho Public Health Offers Flu Vaccination Clinic

Southeastern Idaho Public Health's Bingham County office will be holding a flu vaccination clinic at their facility at 145 W. Idaho Street on Wednesday, October 18th from 8:30a-12 and 1p-5p. Please call 785-2160 for an appointment. Appointments can be made for other days of the week also.

Flu shots are covered by most insurance plans; please bring your insurance card and photo ID with you to the clinic. If you do not have health insurance, or are "underinsured," Southeastern Idaho Public Health is offering \$10.00 flu shots through a partnership with the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare.

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, and dry cough, sore throat, and body aches. Flu symptoms typically start 1-4 days after the virus enters the body and last anywhere between one to two weeks. Adults can pass the flu virus to others for 3-7 days after symptoms start, and children can pass the virus for longer than 7 days. While most people who get the flu will recover in 1 to 2 weeks, some will suffer from complications. Each year thousands of people die, and many more are hospitalized in the U.S. from influenza.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) now recommends vaccination for all persons 6 months of age and older. Certain groups are at a higher risk for influenza complications, including children 6 months through 4 years, those over 50 years of age, pregnant women, healthcare personnel, and people with certain health conditions, such as heart, lung or kidney disease, or weakened immune systems. It is also important for household contacts and child care providers of children under 5 years of age, especially young infants, to be vaccinated. These groups should make influenza vaccination a priority. Southeastern Idaho Public Health offers High Dose Flu shots for those over the age of 65.

For additional information, please contact 785-2160 or visit www.siphidaho.org.

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