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THIS WEEK'S FLU UPDATE FROM DPH ***Emergency Department Visits Related to Flu the Highest in CT since 2009*** ***Many Local Health Departments to Hold Flu Shot Clinics on Saturday***

HARTFORD – The state Department of Public Health (DPH) today released the weekly 2017-2018 Influenza Season Update for the week ending on February 3rd. The full report is available on DPH's Influenza Surveillance and Statistics [webpage](#). DPH also announced that several local health departments throughout the state will be holding low/no-cost flu vaccine clinics this Saturday. Please click [here](#) for the current schedule and locations of Saturday's flu clinics.

“With the peak of flu season potentially still weeks away, it is still not too late to get a flu shot. Several local health departments will be holding flu shot clinics this Saturday, and I strongly urge anyone who hasn't yet been vaccinated to visit one of the clinics in their area or call their healthcare practitioner in order to get vaccinated,” said DPH Commissioner Dr. Pino.

According to this week's update, which tracks flu activity through February 3rd, flu activity in Connecticut remains high and widespread with an increasing number of patients presenting with flu symptoms, as well as increasing numbers of flu-associated hospitalizations and deaths. Statewide emergency department visits attributed to the flu have increased to 14.2%, which is the highest weekly level observed in Connecticut since the 2009 H1N1 pandemic.

A total of 1,360 patients have been hospitalized with confirmed cases of flu between August 27, 2017 and February 3, 2018. 63 deaths have been attributed to the flu (50 associated with flu A, 13 with flu B) so far this season. Of these deaths, 52 were among patients over the age of 65, 6 were 50-64 years of age, 3 were 25-49 years of age, 1 was between 19-24 years of age, and 1 was between 5-17 years of age. A total of 3,895 influenza positive laboratory tests have been reported so far this season.

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State Flu Vaccination Day-

SECOND DATE! Saturday, February 10, 2018

In effort to protect the public's health and reduce the spread of the influenza (flu) virus which has heavily affected the state, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is teaming up with local health departments to provide free or low cost influenza vaccine at several locations across the state. DPH strongly encourages all Connecticut residents over the age of 6 months to get a flu shot, and is working with local health departments and districts to make it easy to get one.

LOCATIONS AND HOURS BELOW:

You may attend ANY clinic listed below regardless of the town you live in. If you have an insurance card please bring one. Your insurance will be billed a small administration fee but you will not be charged anything out of pocket. The vaccine is free.

Please note: In addition to the schedule below, many local health departments around the state are conducting on-going flu clinics. If you cannot attend one listed below, please check with your local health department for upcoming flu clinics.

Town/Health Department	Clinic Address	Sponsoring Health Department /District	Hours	Local Health Department Main Number (Monday-Friday)
Bethel	Bethel Visiting Nurse Assoc.: Rt 6. Bethel (near Big Y)	Bethel, Redding, Newtown, & Danbury Health Departments	9am-12noon	203-794-0274
Fairfield	Health Dept. Nursing Office:100 Mona Terrace, Fairfield	Fairfield Health Department	9am-12pm	203-256-3020 or www.fairfieldct.org/health
Middletown (age 4 yrs & up)	City Hall Council, 245 deKoven Dr, Middletown	Middletown, Cromwell, Durham, & Middlefield Health Departments	8am-11am	Middletown: 860-638-4960 Cromwell: 860-632-3462
Milford (age 3yrs & up)	Milford Health Dept.: 82 New Haven Ave, Milford	Milford Health Department	10am-1pm	203-783-3285
New Haven	New Haven Free Public Library, Ives Main Branch, 133 Elm St. New Haven	New Haven Health Department	11am-1pm	203-946-8192
North Branford	East Shore District Health Dept.: 1315 Middletown Ave, North Branford	East Shore District Health Department	3pm-5pm	203-481-4233
Norwich	Otis Library, 261 Main St., Norwich	Uncas Health District	11am-1pm	860-823-1189
Southbury	77 Main St, North Playhouse Corner-Unit 205, Southbury	Pomperaug Health District & Naugatuck Valley Health District	10am-12noon	203-264-9616
Stamford	Stamford Government Center: 888 Washington	Stamford Health Department	9am-11am	203-977-5652

	Blvd, main lobby, Stamford			
Torrington	Torrington Health District: 350 Main St, Torrington	Torrington Area Health District	9am- 11am	860-489-0436
Waterbury	Waterbury City Hall; 235 St, Waterbury	Waterbury Health Department	12pm- 3pm	203-574-6780
Windsor (<i>age 9yrs & up</i>)	LP Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Ave, Windsor	Windsor Health Department & South Windsor Health Department	10am- 12noon	860-285-1823

Additional (tentative) upcoming clinics- Saturday, February 17, 2018 (please check back for additional locations)

Town/Health Department	Clinic Address	Sponsoring Health Department/District	Hours	Local Health Department Main Number (Monday - Friday)
Clinton (<i>age 4yrs and up</i>)	Clinton Town Hall, Green Room 54 East Main St, Clinton		10am- 1pm	
Eastern Highland Health District	to be determined (TBD)		TB	

** indicates that the child vaccine is only available for children over age 4 at these locations.*