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VA Offers Eligible Veterans Seasonal Flu Vaccine

OMAHA, Neb. – The Veterans Health Administration seasonal flu vaccination campaign kicks off Oct. 9. The theme for this year’s campaign is “Infection: Don’t Pass It On.” Veterans are encouraged to receive their free flu vaccination at their nearest VA health care facility.

Veterans must be enrolled in the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System to be eligible to receive the flu vaccination. Veterans not already enrolled may apply for enrollment at their nearest VA clinic. If the Veteran meets current requirements for enrollment, he or she may be provided the vaccination.

Veterans are encouraged to receive their flu vaccination during their regularly scheduled appointments in the primary care, mental health and specialty clinics. However, a walk-in flu clinic is also available at the VA facilities during the following dates and times:

Walk-In Flu Vaccine Clinic Schedule (Oct. 9 through Nov. 16, unless otherwise noted for the respective sites below)
NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

VA Medical Center, 4101 Woolworth Ave, Omaha, Neb., 402-346-8800
Clinic is located near the Blue Clinic in the main lobby area (signs posted)
Mondays through Fridays, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VA Clinic, 2201 N. Broadwell Ave, Grand Island, Neb., 308-382-3660

Available through primary care clinics
Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Drive-through clinic:

Oct. 4, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 5, 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: Veterans may schedule their drive-through clinic time in advance by calling 866-580-1810, option 2

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VA Clinic, 600 S. 70th Street, Lincoln, Neb., 402-489-3802

Clinic is located in the Canteen in the basement

Oct. 9 through Oct. 26

Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VA Clinic, 600 E. Francis, Suite 3, North Platte, Neb., 308-532-6906

Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VA Clinic, 2501 Capehart Road (Ehrling Bergquist, lower level), Bellevue, Neb., 402-591-4500

Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VA Clinic, 710 s. 13th Street, Norfolk, Neb., 402-370-4570

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

VA Clinic, 1118 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Neb., 308-995-3760

Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Veterans are encouraged to walk-in after noon for quicker service due to higher morning patient volume.)

VA Clinic, 512 S. Fremont, Shenandoah, Iowa. 712-246-0092

Mondays to Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m.

VA Clinic through Avera St. Anthony's Outreach Clinic, 555. E. John Street, O'Neill, Neb., 402-336-2982

Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: Walk-in flu clinics will not be available when the VA outpatient clinics are closed for federal holidays.

The flu vaccination is the single most effective way to prevent getting the flu. The flu vaccination helps to prevent infection caused by influenza viruses. There are many kinds of influenza viruses, but the vaccine is produced to fight those most likely to cause flu in a particular year. This makes it especially important to receive a flu vaccine every year. Veterans can learn more about steps to protect themselves from the seasonal flu at <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/flu>.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>.

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