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Veterans Affairs Walk-In Flu Shot Clinics Begin Oct. 14

***NEW: Retail Immunization Care Coordination Program
Allows Veterans to Obtain Flu Shots at Participating Walgreens***

OMAHA, Neb. — The Veterans Health Administration seasonal flu vaccination campaign kicks off Oct. 14. 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. 14 through Nov. 21 unless otherwise noted for the respective sites below)

NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

VA Medical Center, 4101 Woolworth Ave, Omaha, Neb., 800-451-5796

Clinic is located in the main lobby area
Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesdays, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Nov. 8, 8 a.m. to noon

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

Southeast clinic
Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Oct. 23, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 24, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Clinic is located in the Canteen in the lower level
Oct. 14 through Oct. 31
Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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VA Clinic, 600 E. Francis, Suite 3, North Platte, Neb., 308-532-6906
Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Available upon request for walk-ins)

VA Clinic, 2206 Longo Dr., Suite 102, Bellevue, Neb., 402-591-4500
Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Available upon request for walk-ins)

VA Clinic, 710 S. 13th Street, Norfolk, Neb., 402-370-4570
Mondays, and Wednesdays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VA Clinic, 1118 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Neb., 308-995-3760
Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Available upon request for walk-ins)
(Veterans are encouraged to walk-in after 1 p.m. for faster service due to higher morning patient volume.)

VA Clinic, 512 S. Fremont, Shenandoah, Iowa. 712-246-0092
Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Available upon request for walk-ins)

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 5 p.m.

VA is also partnering with Walgreens to offer enrolled Veterans greater choices of times and locations to obtain their seasonal flu shots. Veterans can receive their flu shot at any Walgreens that administers them and that is participating in the VA-Walgreens initiative.

To obtain their flu shot at Walgreens, enrolled Veterans should tell the pharmacist they receive care at a VA medical facility, and show their VA identification card. After Walgreens administers the vaccine, the immunization record is transmitted to the Veteran's health record – securely, and within the established requirements of the eHealth Exchange. The type of immunization, date administered and the provider giving it will be part of the Veteran's electronic health record.

Walgreens accepts most insurance plans, including Medicare. However, if a Veteran normally has a co-pay for receiving the flu shot at a VA medical facility, the same co-pay may be required at Walgreens.

To find the closest Walgreens location, visit www.Walgreens.com/storelocator/find.jsp. To learn more about the VA-Walgreens initiative, visit www.publichealth.va.gov/vaccines.asp.

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About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

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>