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Agencies plan October drive-through flu vaccine clinic

(Lawrence, KS) – A free drive-through flu vaccine clinic to test community public health emergency response plans will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 at the University of Kansas Park and Ride lots at the corner of Iowa Street and Clinton Parkway.

The clinic, which will begin at 9 a.m. and end when all 500 doses of vaccine have been given, will be held rain or shine. Flu vaccine will be provided to the public at no charge for their participation in the exercise. Exercise participants are encouraged to wear loose sleeves that roll up easily and to fill out a vaccine consent form beforehand to expedite the process. Forms are available at the Health Department's website at www.ldchealth.org.

This is the second year the Health Department has organized the event, which will involve even more community partners who will serve as vaccinators and non-medical volunteers.

Current drive-through flu clinic partners include:

- Douglas County Emergency Management
- Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Douglas County Visiting Nurses Association
- Great Plains Media
- Haskell Health Center
- Heartland Community Health Center
- Kansas System for the Early Registration of Volunteers (KSERV)
- KU Hawks for Health
- KU Parking & Transit
- KU Public Safety Office
- KU School of Pharmacy- Operation Immunization
- KU Watkins Memorial Health Center
- Lawrence Douglas County Fire Medical
- Lawrence Memorial Hospital
- Lawrence Police Department.

“Our goal with this year's drive-through exercise is to involve a broader number of community partners and to develop and strengthen those partnerships,” said

Charlie Bryan, Health Department community health planner. “During a true time of crisis, we trust that these strong partnerships will then be able to contribute even more resources as we all work to safeguard our community.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older receive the flu vaccine. A flu shot not only protects you, but those around you.

For more flu information, visit www.idchealth.org.

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