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### **Health Department schedules flu clinic**

**(Lawrence, KS)** – The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department reminds the public that it's not too late to get a flu shot. For those who have not been vaccinated, a flu clinic will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 in the first floor meeting room of the Community Health Facility, 200 Maine St. in Lawrence.

More than 36,000 people die each year from complications due to seasonal influenza. While everyone is encouraged to get immunized, influenza poses severe risks to the sick, young children and the elderly.

"Flu season is typically associated with the fall, but the truth is, flu illness doesn't usually occur until late January and February," said DeeAnne Schoenfeld, immunization charge nurse. "Getting immunized now is a good way to protect yourself and those around you from getting the flu."

The flu vaccine costs \$18 for infants up to age 3 and \$23 for people 3 years and older. However, no one will be denied service if he or she is unable to pay. Clients eligible for Medicare Part-B, HealthWave, Medicaid and Blue Cross/Blue Shield can receive the flu shot at no charge if they bring their card to the clinic.

Flu shots are also available at the Health Department during regular clinic hours. Call (785) 843-0721 for more information.

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