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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Influenza A Reported Throughout Williams County & Ohio: It's time to get your flu shot

Montpelier, OH – Flu season in Ohio can begin as early as October. While influenza (flu) typically peaks in late winter or early spring, this year experts anticipate that there will be more cases earlier in the season.

By monitoring the southern hemisphere, medical experts can predict the impact that the flu will have on the United States in the fall. While the last two flu seasons have been mild compared to previous years, likely due to the precautions taken for COVID-19, the southern hemisphere had a large increase in flu cases early in the season.

Getting a flu shot now is the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community from the flu. It is recommended that everyone 6 months and older get a flu shot once a year to reduce risk of serious illness. A flu shot is especially important for people with compromised immune systems, pregnant women, people ages 65 and older, people who live in nursing homes or long-term care facilities, and people with chronic health conditions. Vaccination has shown to have many benefits including reducing the risk of flu illnesses, hospitalizations, and even death.

In Williams County, there are many convenient options available where you can get a flu shot. Some locations require appointments, and some allow walk-ins. If you have an established healthcare provider, you can also reach out to them about getting a flu shot.

Convenient Flu Shot Locations:

Location	Ages	Appointment Hours	Community Services
Rings Pharmacy Address: 221 W Main St. Montpelier, OH 43543 Phone: 419-485-5115	Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines for ages 7+ years	Walk-ins available M-F: 8:30am - 7pm Sat: 8:30am - 1pm	Workplace flu & COVID-19 clinics available Accepts all major insurances
Klinger Pharmacy Address: 102 W Jackson St. West Unity, OH 43570 Phone: 419-924-2444	Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines for ages 7+ years	Walk-ins available M-F: 9am - 6pm Sat: 9am - 1pm	Workplace flu & COVID-19 clinics available Accepts all major insurances
Walgreens Pharmacy Address: 403 S Main St. Bryan, OH 43506 Phone: 419-636-0613	Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines for ages 3+ years	Evening appointments available. Self-schedule appointments online <u>bit.ly/WalgreensWC</u>	Flu & COVID-19 vaccines available Insurance accepted
CVS Pharmacy Address: 341 W High St. Bryan, OH 43506 Phone: 419-636-5021	Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines for ages 3+ years	Evening appointments available & self-schedule appointments online <u>bit.ly/CVSWC</u>	Flu & COVID-19 vaccines available Insurance accepted
Rite-Aid Pharmacy Address: 1221 W High St. Bryan, OH 43506 Phone: 419-636-6142	Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines for ages 5+ years	Evening appointments available & self-schedule appointments online <u>bit.ly/RiteAidWC</u>	Flu & COVID-19 vaccines available Insurance accepted
Walmart Pharmacy Address: 1215 S Main St. Bryan, OH 43506 Phone: 419-636-9153	Flu (7+ years) & COVID-19 Vaccines for ages 5+ years	Evening & weekend appointments available. Self- schedule appointments online <u>bit.ly/Walmart_WC</u>	Flu & COVID-19 vaccines available Insurance accepted
Williams County Health Department Address: 310 Lincoln Ave. Montpelier, OH 43543 Phone: 419-485-3141	Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines for ages 6+ months	Walk-ins available on Mondays Mondays: 9:30am – 4pm	Flu & COVID-19 vaccines available. <b>Workplace</b> & <b>homebound</b> clinics available upon request. Will not be turned away due to inability to pay; Uninsured; Insurance accepted

The Williams County Health Department (WCHD) also offers flu and COVID-19 shots by appointment. Insurance is accepted, but WCHD also has vaccines available for the uninsured. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay. Call 419-485-3141 to schedule an appointment for you or a loved one. Homebound clinics and workplace clinics are also available upon request. If you have any questions about flu or COVID-19 vaccines, talk to your healthcare provider or call 419-485-3141 to talk to one of our public health nurses.