

OMC OFFERING FLU VACCINATION

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The best way to prevent flu-related illness, missed school, and missed work is to get the annual flu vaccine.

On September 28, 2023, Outpatient Medical Center began offering flu shots to the public.

Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years and older, pregnant people, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system are at greatest risk of flu complications.

It is important to get vaccinated each flu season, because different strands of the flu virus circulate and cause illness each season. Flu vaccines are made each year to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates will be most common.

Influenza is not just a winter inconvenience, but a contagious respiratory illness. In an average year, thousands of people in the United States die from flu, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

After receiving the vaccine it takes about two weeks for your body to develop full protection against the flu. It is highly beneficial to get vaccinated as early as possible.

OMC sees patients regardless of their insurance status, and is dedicated to providing affordable healthcare to all. Persons age 18 and younger who are eligible for state-supplied Vaccines for Children (VFC) may receive the vaccine free of charge. A \$20 administration fee is requested, however, no one is refused due to inability to pay. For persons age 19 or older who are uninsured, there is a self-pay fee of \$25, which may be reduced if they qualify for OMC's sliding fee discount. Those with Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance can bill their insurance.

OMC is an option for you, because caring for you is what we do! For more information call the nearest OMC Clinic. More information on clinic locations and services can be found at www.outpatientmedical.org.

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