



## St. Mary's County Health Department

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### FLU VACCINE CLINIC AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

(LEONARDTOWN, MD) December 27, 2006 -- The St. Mary's County Health Department is holding a flu vaccination clinic Friday, Jan. 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Health Department's Leonardtown building at 21580 Peabody St. The walk-in clinic is open to the public, ages 4 and up.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this year's influenza season has gotten off to a relatively slow start. "It is not too late for people to get an influenza vaccination," according to St. Mary's County Health Officer William Icenhower, M.D. "We know that due to the holidays, many people may have postponed or forgotten to get their flu vaccination, and we want to remind people that vaccination in January will still provide substantial protection against the flu."

The nasal spray flu vaccine, Flu Mist®, will be offered at the upcoming clinic for children and adults 5 – 49 years. Injectable flu vaccine will also be available for people who are not eligible to receive the nasal spray flu vaccine.

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The health department is asking visitors to the clinic to wear loose fitting clothing, or long sleeves over short sleeves for ease and privacy when receiving the vaccine. The recommended donation for the flu vaccine is \$10, however no one will be denied a vaccine due to inability to pay. Medicare part B is accepted. Health department staff will bill Medicare for those participants who are eligible. Pneumonia vaccines will also be available.

For more information, please call the St. Mary's County Health Department, 301-475-4330.

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