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### HEALTH DEPARTMENT CANCELS FLU CLINIC SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY

LEONARDTOWN, MD (October 24, 2006) – St. Mary's County Health Department is canceling a Flu Vaccine Clinic previously slated for the Department of Aging health fair at Chancellors Run Community Center. The clinic was to be held at The Way to Wellness Health Fair from 8 am – 6 pm, Fri. Oct. 27.

The supply of injectable flu vaccine for the clinic, scheduled to arrive well in advance of the health fair, will not be delivered in time for Friday's event. According to health department officials, flu vaccine is expected to be delivered in the coming weeks, although no delivery dates have been confirmed by flu vaccine manufacturers supplying St. Mary's County Health Department's shipments.

"It is terribly disappointing to arrive at the beginning of the flu vaccination season, knowing that the supply of vaccine is sufficient in the country, but still being unable to serve our residents.

This is the first year we have not been able to provide visitors to the Department of Aging's fall

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health fair with the convenience of flu protection early in the season,” said Nancy Luginbill, R.N., director of Community Health Services.

Without confirmed delivery dates for orders of the injectable vaccine, St. Mary’s County Health Department has been reluctant to announce its schedule of flu vaccine clinics for the upcoming season. The health department’s plan for vaccine clinics will be announced as supplies of flu vaccine become available.

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