



## St. Mary's County Health Department

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#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES FLU VACCINE CLINIC

(LEONARDTOWN, MD) November 2, 2006 -- The St. Mary's County Health Department is holding a flu vaccination clinic Thurs., November 9, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 24801 Three Notch Rd., Hollywood. The walk-in clinic is open to the public, ages 4 and up.

Dr. William B. Icenhower, St. Mary's County's health officer, strongly recommends that people of every age receive flu vaccinations. "Vaccination against flu is the best way to prevent influenza, reduce complications from flu, and reduce days lost from school and work."

Last week the health department administered flu shots to more than 500 people at the St. Mary's County Office of Aging Health Fair with vaccine supplied by CVS/pharmacy. The health department also vaccinated over 3,148 children age 5 – 11 in the St. Mary's County Public Schools last month, using the nasal spray flu vaccine, FluMist®.

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The nasal spray flu vaccine 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.

The health department is asking visitors to the clinic to wear loose fitting clothing, or long sleeves over short 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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