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Montco Health Department Flu Clinics Proving To Be Extremely Popular

Norristown, PA (October 16, 2013) – With more than half of the flu clinics operated by the Montgomery County Health Department completed, health department officials are reporting that every one of the four clinics held so far has outpaced last year's numbers.

At the first four clinics conducted this year, health department personnel dispensed 3,140 doses of the flu vaccine, including 1,445 doses at the walk-in seasonal flu clinic last week at Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) in Blue Bell. The clinic at the community college was originally designed to be a drive-through clinic with residents getting the shots while sitting in their cars. Rain forced the event inside, but health department personnel arranged for it to run smoothly anyway.

"I just want to say that it was a pleasure working with you and all of the Montgomery County Health Department staff," said Grace Ann Spena, director of Health and Wellness Initiatives for MCCC.

"It was a record number of seasonal flu vaccines, and everyone was very positive about their experience on the way out. They commented how pleasant the staff was and how efficient everything went."

The remaining Montgomery County Health Department Influenza Immunization Clinics are listed below. All sites will be open from 10:00AM-1:00PM, except for the Upper Merion Township Building, which will be open from 3:00PM-6:00PM.

- Saturday, October 19, 2013, Abington Junior High School, 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington
- Friday, October 25, 2013, Sunnybrook Ballroom, 50 Sunnybrook Road, Pottstown
- Saturday, November 2, 2013, Upper Perkiomen High School, 2 Walt Road, Pennsburg

Additional Influenza Immunization Clinics held by Community Health Services in partnership with the Montgomery County Health Department are listed below. Registration is required for these and is only for those 65 years and older. To register, please call: 1-866-CALL-MLH.

- Tuesday, October 22, 2013, Merion Fire Company of Ardmore, 35 Greenfield Avenue, Ardmore
- Wednesday, October 23, 2013, PALM Senior Center of Ardmore, 117 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore
- Monday, November 4, 2013, Upper Merion Senior Center, 650 Henderson Road, King of Prussia

The shots are free for Montgomery County residents. The Health Department will continue to vaccinate residents throughout the winter, or as long as they have the vaccine available.

Information about the flu is also available on the Health Department website at www.health.montcopa.org or by calling the Health Department at 610-278-5117.