

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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To: Residents and Families

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: October 12, 2021

Re: Influenza Vaccination Clinics

The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will be providing free influenza (flu) vaccinations for all KDOC residents. Flu is a contagious respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness, hospitalization, or even death. It is recommended that everyone six months and older get an annual flu vaccine. Getting a flu vaccination is more important than ever during 2021-2022 to protect yourself and the people around you from the flu, and to help reduce the strain on our healthcare systems as they continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a way to encourage KDOC residents to get a flu shot, we have set up a \$5.00 incentive for each resident receiving the vaccine. That amount will be deposited in your account to use for canteen purchases, phone calls or any allowable use you decide. This amount should appear in your account within 10-14 business days of your vaccination.

We recognize that not everyone is accustomed to getting the vaccine each year and that some may be uncertain about being vaccinated. If you have questions or concerns, please talk with your healthcare provider who can address them and/or consult the many resources published by the Centers for Disease Control or KDHE.

The medical team at your facility will come to the units to provide an opportunity for the vaccination. You do not need to sign up or register. Please watch for more details provided at your facility regarding the specific day(s) your unit will be visited by the medical team.

Here is the 2021 schedule:

- El Dorado: November 6, 7, 13 and 14
- Ellsworth: November 6 and 7
- Hutchinson: November 3 and 4
- Lansing: November 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15
- Larned: November 13 and 14
- Norton: November 13 and 14
- Topeka: November 8 and 9
- Winfield: November 2, 3 and 4
- Oswego: November 10
- Stockton: November 15
- KJCC: November 4 and 5

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For any resident who is currently positive with the coronavirus, current healthcare recommendations are to wait to administer the flu vaccine until after the period of quarantine or isolation. This is recommended to reduce close contact between the positive patient and the person being vaccinated. In those instances, the medical team will provide you a later opportunity for vaccination.

I thank each of you for doing your part to protect yourself and everyone you come into contact with.