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BURLCO SCHEDULES FLU SHOTS FOR MONDAY, JAN. 3

Vaccinations Offered to Children in Daycare and Preschool

The Burlington County Health Department will hold a special flu vaccination clinic for children in daycare and preschool on Monday, January 3, 2011 at the Burlington Center Mall near Sears on the lower level from 5-7.p.m.

All children enrolled in daycare and/or preschool are required by law to receive an influenza vaccination every year. Penalties may be assessed to daycare and pre-kindergarten programs which do not adhere to this law.

New Jersey law requires all children in daycare and preschool receive a flu vaccination before December 31st. Children who have not received the vaccination will be excluded from school or daycare until they receive a flu shot or until March 31 (the end of influenza season in New Jersey).

"Since it is so important for children to be vaccinated, we have set up an additional clinic to ensure that all children have access to the vaccine," said Jennifer Horner, Burlington County Epidemiologist.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that children from 6 months through 18 years of age be vaccinated annually against the flu. Children are much more likely than adults to get sick with influenza; some 20,000 under 5 years old are hospitalized with influenza or its complications every year and nearly 100 of them die.

There is a suggested donation of \$15 for the vaccination. For more information, contact the Health Department at (609) 265-5533.

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