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**A FLU SHOT JUST FOR THOSE OVER 65**

**High Dose Flu Vaccine Available October 7<sup>th</sup> and Every Friday Afternoon**

Due to the success of the first High Dose Flu vaccine clinic, the Burlington County Health Department has added additional opportunities for seniors to receive the Fluzone High Dose vaccine.

Fluzone High-Dose only clinics will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm at the Burlington Center Mall and 12pm to 6pm at the Moorestown Mall. In addition, the Fluzone High-Dose vaccine will also be offered every Friday from 1pm-3pm starting October 8<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup> at flu shot clinics at the Health Department, located at 15 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton.

The shot is free for those with Medicare part B and with no other insurance supplement. Participants with other insurance will be charged \$40 and will be given a receipt to submit to their insurance company for possible reimbursement. Traditional flu shots will be available at our regularly scheduled clinics for those who cannot afford the \$40 charge. Check the Health Department website at [www.co.burlington.nj.us](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us) for a complete schedule.

Fluzone High-Dose vaccine is a flu shot, made up of the three flu strains most likely to cause illness for a particular flu season. Fluzone High-Dose vaccines contain four times the amount of antigen (the part of the vaccine that prompts the body to make antibodies) contained in regular flu shots. The additional antigen is intended to create a stronger immune response (more antibodies) in the person getting the vaccine; that is why it is intended for those over 65 years of age.

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**PRESS RELEASE: Flu Clinics For Seniors – 10/5/10 – Add One**

“Human immune defenses become weaker with age, which places older people at greater risk of severe illness from influenza,” said Robert Gogats, Health Officer for Burlington County. “Also, aging decreases the body’s ability to have a good immune response after getting influenza vaccine. A higher dose of antigen in the vaccine is intended to give older people a better immune response.”

Fluzone High-Dose is approved for use in people 65 years of age and older. As with all flu vaccines, Fluzone High-Dose is not recommended for people with a severe allergy to chicken eggs, or people who have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.

The Health Department will provide Fluzone High Dose vaccine at the following locations:

**2010 HIGH DOSE FLU VACCINATION SCHEDULE**

October 7, 2010 Thursday	Burlington Center Mall Route 541, Burlington <b>(Fluzone High Dose Only)</b>	10:00 – 6:00 pm
October 7, 2010 Thursday	Moorestown Mall Route 38, Moorestown <b>(Fluzone High Dose Only)</b>	12:00 – 6:00 pm
October 8, 2010 Friday	Burlington County Health Department 15 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton <b>(Fluzone High Dose Only)</b>	1:00 – 3:00 pm
October 15, 2010 Friday	Burlington County Health Department 15 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton <b>(Fluzone High Dose Only)</b>	1:00 – 3:00 pm
October 29, 2010 Friday	Burlington County Health Department 15 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton <b>(Fluzone High Dose &amp; Traditional Seasonal Flu Vaccine)</b>	1:00 – 3:00 pm
November 5, 2010 Friday	Burlington County Health Department 15 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton <b>(Fluzone High Dose &amp; Traditional Seasonal Flu Vaccine)</b>	1:00 – 3:00 pm
November 12, 2010 Friday	Burlington County Health Department 15 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton <b>(Fluzone High Dose &amp; Traditional Seasonal Flu Vaccine)</b>	1:00 – 3:00 pm
November 19, 2010 Friday	Burlington County Health Department 15 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton <b>(Fluzone High Dose &amp; Traditional Seasonal Flu Vaccine)</b>	1:00 – 3:00 pm