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**Health Department Offering Flu Shots and COVID-19 Vaccines in Augusta**

**Eau Claire, WI. November 1, 2021** – The Health Department is offering FREE flu shots to youth ages 6 months- 18 years and COVID-19 vaccine for youth and adults (Pfizer for ages 12+ and J&J for ages 18+) on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm at the Main Street Gym in Augusta.

Getting a flu shot is especially important this season because flu and COVID-19 will be spreading at the same time and have similar signs and symptoms. A flu shot will help protect your child from one of these viruses. If they are 12 years or older, they can also be protected by a COVID-19 vaccine.

Adults who have not yet been vaccinated and those that are eligible for a booster can also get their get their COVID-19 vaccine. “Both of these vaccines will help prevent serious illness from the flu and COVID-19 in children and adults,” said Lieske Giese, Health Department Director. “For young adults aged 12-18 who aren’t vaccinated, this is a great opportunity to get their flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time.”

**Below is a summary of which vaccines we are offering and who is eligible. All vaccines are FREE. Proof of insurance, ID, or citizenship is not required.**

<b>Vaccine Type</b> <small>(Options for 11/6/21 Clinic in Augusta)</small>	<b>Age/ Other Requirements</b>
<b>Flu Shot- Children</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 6 months - 18 years</b></li> </ul> <p>*Note: Adult flu shots aren't available at this clinic, visit <a href="https://www.vaccines.gov">vaccines.gov</a> for list of locations where they're offered</p>
<b>Pfizer- 1st or 2nd dose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 12+</b></li> </ul> <p>* Note: Pfizer vaccine can be given at the same time as the flu shot for children ages 12-18 years</p>
<b>Pfizer- 3rd dose</b> <small>For people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 12+</b></li> <li>• <b>Appointment must be scheduled at least 28 days after getting two doses of Pfizer</b></li> </ul>
<b>Pfizer – booster dose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 18+</b></li> <li>• <b>Got Pfizer dose at least 6 months ago OR if you got J&amp;J dose at least 2 months ago</b></li> <li>• <b>One of these is true:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Age 65 or older</b></li> <li>○ <b>18+ years and work in a job or live somewhere exposes you to COVID-19</b></li> <li>○ <b>18+ years and have a health condition, like BMI over 25, ever smoked cigarettes, pregnancy, diabetes (and many more)</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>J&amp;J – initial dose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 18+</b></li> </ul>
<b>J&amp;J –booster dose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 18+</b></li> <li>• <b>Got J&amp;J dose at least 2 months ago</b></li> </ul>

**Appointments are encouraged and can be made at [ecvaccine.as.me](http://ecvaccine.as.me). If you need help scheduling an appointment, call 715-839-4718. All minors will need parent/guardian consent to get a flu shot and/or COVID-19 vaccine.**

For more information about the clinic or vaccine eligibility, please visit: <http://bit.ly/covidvaccine-ec>. If you have additional questions, please call us at 715-839-4718.

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