

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Missoula Public Health Hosts Vaccination Clinics Ahead of Flu Season**

Missoula Public Health (MPH) is offering multiple vaccine clinics at locations around the county from Sept. 21 through Oct. 27. These clinics are on a first-come, first-served basis and give people the opportunity to get vaccinated ahead of flu season. COVID-19 vaccines will be offered when they become available later in the coming weeks.

MPH will host the following clinics:

- Thursday, Sept. 21, 3 to 6 p.m., Frenchtown Fire Station
- Friday, Sept. 22, 3 to 6 p.m. Bonner Elementary School
- Thursday Sept. 28, 3 to 6 p.m., Seeley High School
- Friday, Sept. 29, 3 to 6 p.m., Clinton Elementary School
- Thursday, Oct. 5, 3 to 6 p.m., Lolo Community Center
- Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2 to 7 p.m., Missoula County Fairgrounds, Home Arts Building
- Saturday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Health and Wellness Fair, Hilton Garden Inn (Flu, Covid, TDaP, Shingles, Pneumonia vaccines will be available at this clinic.)
- Friday, Oct. 27, 4 to 7 p.m., Imagine Nation Brewing

“We encourage everyone six months and older to get an annual flu vaccine,” said Sara Heineman, director of Health Services at MPH. “This, along with hand washing and staying home when sick, will go a long way to stay healthy this season.”

Attendees should bring a photo ID and a copy of their insurance card. For those without insurance, the Caring Foundation of Montana is partnering with MPH with their [Care Van Program](#) to administer vaccines at no or low cost. If those without insurance attend a clinic where the Care Van Program is not present, they can pay using a sliding fee scale. The main Immunization Clinic at Missoula Public Health will remain open during these clinics.

The Care Van Program is funded through multiple resources, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana. The Care Van will be present for all vaccination clinics except for those on Sept. 29 and Oct. 27.

For more information on upcoming flu clinics, call Missoula Public Health at 406-258-3363.

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