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***Six New Flu Deaths Reported – Free Flu Shots Offered***

**Oklahoma City, Okla.** – [Oklahoma City-County Health Department](#) (OCCHD) epidemiologists have confirmed six more flu deaths in the past week, all of which were over the age of 65. The flu hospitalizations are up by 58 to 514 patients in Oklahoma County.

Free flu shots are available at all three convenient clinic locations to those beginning at six months and up. Oklahoma City and County residents are still being encouraged to protect themselves, their families and help prevent the spread of the flu by receiving their vaccine.

“Getting your flu shot can reduce flu symptoms, missed school and work and prevent flu-related hospitalizations. Receiving your vaccination if you are

healthy helps prevent the spread to our vulnerable citizens and is especially important for higher risk populations including ages 1 to 5 and over age 65,” says Kerri Stewart, Clinical Administrator.

**Flu Prevention Tips:**

- **Get a Flu Shot**
- **Washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes.**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- **Stay home when you are sick.**
- **Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.**

Vaccines are still offered on a walk-in basis Mondays through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – noon at the following OCCHD clinic locations:

- OCCHD Gary Cox Partner Building – 2700 N.E. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, OKC – 419-4200
- South Regional Health Campus – 2149 S.W. 59<sup>th</sup> Street, OKC – 419-4119
- OCCHD West Clinic – 4113 N.W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, OKC – 419-4150

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