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Fall Flu Clinics for Putnam County Residents

Brewster, NY—If you had a convenient, cost-effective means of protecting your family’s health, would you take advantage of it? The Putnam County Department of Health provides this opportunity at two upcoming flu vaccination clinics.

“Immunizations are one of the most studied and monitored public health practices in existence, and one of the most clinically sound and cost-effective medical interventions available,” says Allen Beals, MD, Commissioner of Health.

The next public flu vaccination clinic is scheduled at the Garrison Fire Department, 1616 Route 9, on Wednesday, October 7, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. and another is scheduled at the Carmel Fire Department, Route 52 and Vink Drive, on Monday, October 19, again from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

The clinic is open to all Putnam County residents 18 years of age and older. The fee for flu vaccine is \$25 for residents under 65 years of age. Those 65 years and older, or with a Medicare card, can receive the vaccine free of charge. High-dose flu vaccine is being offered for seniors, aged 65 years and older, as studies show this vaccine is more effective for this population. Proof of residency (driver’s license) is required. Pneumonia vaccine will not be available through the Health Department’s public flu clinics this year.

Appointments are not necessary, but a signed consent form is required. Forms will be available on the Putnam County website at <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/immunization/>. In order to streamline the onsite process, people are encouraged to download the forms, complete

them and bring them to the clinic. Forms will also be available at the clinic, if needed.

Flu vaccination will also be offered by the Health Department in all school districts this fall for students and staff. Check your school calendar or the school nurse for details.

The Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit our website at www.putnamcountyny.com ; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

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