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**Two October Flu Clinics are Scheduled**

Brewster, NY—Two seasonal flu clinics are scheduled for the first half of October. The first will be held at the Garrison Fire Department, 1616 Route 9, on Wednesday, October 10 from 2 to 6:30pm; the second is scheduled at the Carmel Fire Department, Route 52 and Vink Drive in Carmel, on Monday, October 15, again from 2 to 6:30pm.

The clinic is open to all Putnam County residents 18 years of age and older. The fee for flu vaccine is \$20 for residents under 60 years of age. Those 60 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, since studies show this vaccine is more effective for them. Pneumonia vaccine will also be available free for residents 65 years and older. For younger residents, who are smokers or have a history of asthma, which make the pneumonia vaccine advisable, there is a \$45 fee. Proof of residency (driver's license) is required.

Appointments are not necessary, but a signed consent form is required. Forms are available online at the Putnam County website. 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.

For children under age 18, vaccination is being offered by the Health Department in most school districts this fall for students and staff. Check with the school nurse for details. Alternatively, children 6 months of age to 18 years can attend the Health Department's pediatric immunization clinics to receive seasonal flu vaccine. Call 808 -1332 for more information.

Residents are encouraged to continue checking the Putnam County Department of Health Flu Vaccine Hotline at 808-1390 for further updates or visit [www.putnamcountyny.com](http://www.putnamcountyny.com) .

The Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of Putnam County residents through prevention of illness and injury. For more information, please visit our website at [www.putnamcountyny.com](http://www.putnamcountyny.com); or visit our social media sites on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/putnamhealth](http://www.facebook.com/putnamhealth) and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

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