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**PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFERS  
FREE FLU VACCINE CLINIC NOVEMBER 12**  
Paperless Pre-Registration Streamlines Process

Online registration has opened for the 2013 free flu vaccine clinic, conducted by the Putnam County Department of Health. The annual event, dependent upon receipt of free vaccine from New York State, offers free flu immunization for individuals, **19 years of age and older**, who live or work in New York State. The clinic will be held at the health department's main office, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, NY, from 3pm to 7pm, on November 12.

A paperless pre-registration process is being used again this year and clinic participants are being asked to log in and select a time slot. Four time slots are available: 3 to 4pm, 4 to 5pm, 5 to 6pm, and 6 to 7pm. To register, visit the county website at [www.putnamcountyny.gov](http://www.putnamcountyny.gov). **Pre-registration online is highly recommended**, since only a limited number of computers will be available onsite at the clinic for those who have not pre-registered.

"This particular clinic provides the Health Department the opportunity to conduct a 'POD' drill," explains Putnam County Commissioner of Health, Allen Beals, MD. "Point-of-Dispensing (POD) drills allow health department staff to practice and enhance skills necessary to respond effectively in a public health emergency."

The mission of the Putnam County Department of Health is to improve and protect the health of our community, made up of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, environmental health protection, family health

promotion and health education. For more information, please visit our website at

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[www.facebook.com/putnamhealth](http://www.facebook.com/putnamhealth) and Twitter @PutnamHealth.

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