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PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFERS FREE FLU VACCINE CLINIC NOVEMBER 30 New Paperless Pre-Registration Streamlines Process

The Putnam County Department of Health free flu vaccine clinic originally scheduled on Election Day, has been rescheduled for Friday, November 30, at Brewster High School, from 4pm to 7pm. Individuals age five and older, who live or work in New York State, will be eligible to receive free flu vaccine at this clinic.

“A new paperless pre-registration process is being used this year and clinic participants are being asked to log in and select a time slot,” explains Putnam County Commissioner of Health, Allen Beals, MD. Three time slots are available: 4 to 5pm., 5 to 6pm., and 6 to 7pm. “We have a very streamlined procedure in place already—this will fine tune the process further,” Dr. Beals continues. The Putnam County Health Department has immunized as many as 300 people in an hour at peak capacity, with minimal waiting at past clinics. **Individuals who previously pre-registered for the cancelled “Vote and Vax” Election Day event will need to re-register for this clinic.**

To register, go online to www.putnamflu.com and follow the instructions, or visit the county website at www.putnamcountyny.com. **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.

The mission of the health department is to improve and protect the health of the county's nearly 100,000 residents through prevention of illness and injury. 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 www.putnamcountyny.com; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

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