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2023 Annual Drive-Thru Flu and COVID-19 Clinic is October 25, from 7 am to 4 pm

The Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD) and Community Health of Central Washington (CHCW) will be holding the annual drive-thru flu vaccination clinic on October 25, 2023, from 7 am to 4 pm.

KCPHD, CHCW staff, and agency partners will hold the clinic at the Kittitas County Fair Grounds Western Village on 8th and Alder Street (1010 E 8th in Ellensburg). Vehicles should enter from Alder Street. Vaccines are free for children and adults, but supply is limited and will be first come-first served.

Flu vaccination is the best way to prevent getting the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone over the age of 6 months receive a flu shot every year.

It is especially important for certain groups of people to be vaccinated every year including:

- Children aged 6 months up to their sixth birthday, but especially children younger than 2 years old,
- Pregnant women,
- People 65 years of age or older,
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions,
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, and
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from the flu.

According to the CDC everyone aged 5 years and older should get 1 dose of updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to protect against serious illness. Additional CDC recommendations include:

- People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may get additional doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Children 6 months to 4 years need multiple doses of COVID-19 to be up to date.

Anyone who wants the COVID-19 vaccine should wait two months after getting the last dose of any COVID-19 vaccine. More information is available about staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines at [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#). If you have any questions, please call the Kittitas County Public Health Department at (509) 962-7515.

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