

## **PREVENTION MATTERS – FLU SHOT REMINDER!!**



Just a reminder that employee/retiree flu shots are available **on Friday, October 20, 2017** from 8:30 – 10:30 A.M. during the Employee Health & Wellness Fair at the County Administrative Complex in Room 220; from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at the Public Safety Building; and from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. at the Regional Resource Recovery Facility.

Passport Health, who is administering the free vaccinations again this year, is able to bill medical insurance for those employees/retirees who are enrolled with Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield or Aetna (for those employees or retirees who are affiliated with a spouse's Aetna plan) at no direct cost to the County. Unfortunately, Passport Health is unable to invoice Tricare for those employees/retirees who are enrolled in a military medical insurance plan. Employees/retirees without County provided health insurance are encouraged to get the flu vaccination from their primary care physician or other approved provider. Kent County does not reimburse any applicable co-payments.

All eligible County influenza vaccination program participants are asked to bring a copy of their photo ID, medical insurance card, and if Medicare eligible, to bring a copy of their Medicare card as well to the desired site location on the day of the event (Oct. 20). To sign up for your vaccination (an accurate count is needed), please call Evelyn Jopp at 744-2310, Jennifer Graham at 735-2180, or Mari Fabres at 335-6000. In order to offer this vaccination program as a no-cost benefit to employees/retirees, there must be at least 90 vaccines administered among the 3 locations. Deadline to sign up is Friday, October 13, 2017.

If you cannot attend one of the clinics, you may obtain your flu vaccine from your in-network health care provider. Your standard co-pay may apply for your primary care provider to administer the vaccine if you are required to schedule an appointment to get the shot. Should you prefer to have a shot administered at a pharmacy, you **must** confirm that the pharmacy site is certified to administer the vaccine for Highmark. Please call the member service number on the back of your medical insurance card to verify that the pharmacy location is approved to dispense the vaccine. For example, Walgreen's has thousands of pharmacies nationwide but

not all of them are authorized to give the flu vaccine to Highmark members. If you have the shot administered at a site that is not approved, your submitted claim receipt to Highmark will be denied for being out-of-network.

Protect yourselves, family, friends, and co-workers this winter season by getting a flu vaccine.

Still have questions? Contact the Personnel Office at (302) 744-2310.

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