

Flu Shot sign up ends 10/13 – Health & Wellness Fair on 10/20

Registration for employee/retiree flu shots ends on **Friday, October 13, 2017**. The vaccination will be administered on Friday, October 20 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.

In order to receive the free flu shot, the employee/retiree/dependent must be enrolled in the County's health insurance plan or Aetna (for those employees or retirees who are affiliated with a spouse's Aetna plan). Unfortunately, the flu shot vendor (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 or included 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 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 please call Evelyn Jopp at 744-2310, Jennifer Graham at 735-2180, or Mari Fabres at 335-6000. An accurate count is needed in order to offer this vaccination program as a no-cost benefit to employees/retirees and insure sufficient vaccine is available.

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.

All employees are encouraged to take a few minutes to visit the 2nd Annual Health and Wellness Fair will take place on **Friday, October 20, 2017** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Rooms 220 & 221 at the Kent County Administrative Complex. Department Heads have been requested to allow staff sufficient time to participate in the event, if possible.

This year's fair is bigger and better than ever!! Exhibitors will be on hand to offer FREE screenings for: vision, blood pressure, skin cancer (face), spine, and hearing issues. There will also be several service providers available to discuss and/or offer information about: breast cancer awareness, domestic violence, acupuncture, alcohol and substance abuse, mental and behavioral problems just to name a few. And there will be lots and lots of giveaways!

Please participate in the health & wellness fair to learn how you and your family can be healthier and help keep medical insurance costs affordable. Getting a flu shot is an important step in protecting yourself, family, friends, and co-workers this season.

Special thanks to Christina Morton and Amy Minner for organizing and coordinating the Health & Wellness Fair as well as all the Breast Cancer Awareness activities.

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

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