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Health officials encourage residents to get protection from seasonal flu viruses

Health officials say now is the time to get your seasonal flu shot. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against three different viruses which change every year. People who get vaccinated against seasonal flu can expect to have immunity within two weeks of vaccination. Health officials say that the protection you get from the vaccine will continue throughout the flu season.

Seasonal flu shots are readily available throughout Sarasota County. Sarasota Flu and Pneumonia Coalition partner organizations Maxim Healthcare Services, Optima Health Care, Sarasota Health Care, Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), Nokomis Walk-In, Sarasota Immediate Care Walk-In and Sarasota Family Medical Walk-In clinics are providing numerous flu shot opportunities. **The cost of a flu shot at these locations will be between \$20 and \$30. Pneumonia vaccine will be \$45 to \$50, depending on the provider.** Cash and check are accepted. If you have Medicare B, bring a copy of your card with you.

[Drive Thru Seasonal Flu Shot clinics](#) are still available (listed below), providing ease for people using oxygen or who have difficulty walking, parents with small children, and anyone who prefers the drive-thru convenience.

Saturday, Sept. 26; 10 a.m. to Noon – Drive Thru

The Tabernacle Church
4141 Desoto Road, Sarasota 34235
(Please enter from DeSoto Road)
Provider: Sarasota Health Care Services

Wednesday, Sept. 30; 10 a.m. to Noon – Drive Thru

The Sahib Temple
600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota 34232
(Please enter from 17th St. to Circus Blvd.)
Provider: Sarasota Health Care Services

Saturday, Oct. 10; 10 a.m. to Noon – Drive Thru

Suncoast Worship Center
881 S. River Road, Englewood 34223
Provider: Visiting Nurses Association (VNA)

Tuesday, Oct. 13; 10 a.m. to Noon – Drive Thru

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
425 Tamiami Trail, Osprey 34229
(Please enter from Bay Road – Walmart)
Provider: Visiting Nurses Association (VNA)

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Those who plan to use the drive-thru flu shot clinics can obtain an Authorization Form and complete it in advance. These forms are available at Sarasota County libraries or on-line at www.sarasotahealth.org. Blank forms will also be available on-site the day of the drive-thru for completion.

Sarasota County Flu and Pneumonia Coalition walk-in clinic partners will continue offering **seasonal flu vaccinations** at the following locations:

Sarasota Immediate Care Walk-In

7005 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34231

Mon - Fri: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sat: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Optima Health Services

707 60th St. Ct. E., Suite A

Bradenton 34208

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

***Adults and children four years and older**

For a daily schedule of season flu shot clinics, call the Sarasota County Health Department's flu information line **941-861-2800** or visit their website: www.sarasotahealth.org. Those who are hearing impaired can call the Sarasota County Call Center, TDD line at 941-861-1833.

MEDIA NOTE: A comprehensive list of over 100 additional [One-Time Flu Shot Clinics for the Public](#) is provided online at www.sarasotahealth.org and is also included as a PDF attachment.

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