

**December 20, 2018**

## **Family Health still offering flu shots**

MOBILE, Alabama — Family Health, the primary care division of the Mobile County Health Department, is still offering flu shots to the public. The vaccine will be provided at all health centers conveniently located throughout Mobile County.

The Alabama Department of Public Health states the majority of counties have reported districts with significant influenza activity being detected. Significant influenza activity is based on reported influenza-like illness data or reported influenza outbreaks for the week, in addition to positive influenza specimens from the previous three weeks.

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention say few people get vaccinated against flu after the end of November, but flu activity most commonly peaks between December and February while flu activity can last as late as May. Flu activity is expected to increase in the coming weeks, including over the holidays when many people travel and visit family and friends. The sooner you get vaccinated, the more likely you are to be protected against flu when activity picks up in your community.

Family Health locations and normal hours of operation include the following (all facilities will be closed December 24, December 25 and January 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day):

- Children's Health Center (248 Cox Street, Mobile, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Citronelle Health Center (19250 North Mobile Street, Citronelle, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
- Dauphin Island Parkway Health Center (2601 Dauphin Island Parkway, Mobile, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Eight Mile Health Center (4009 Saint Stephens Road, Prichard, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- North Mobile Health Center (950 East Coy Smith Highway, Mount Vernon, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Semmes Health Center (3810 Wulff Road East, Semmes, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Southwest Mobile Health Center (5580 Inn Road, Tillman's Corner, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Women's Health Center (248 Cox Street, Mobile, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays expect Wednesday when it remains open to 6 p.m.)

The Urgent Care facility located at the Maj. Gen. William C. Gorgas Health Center in Downtown Mobile at 251 North Bayou Street will also offer flu shots during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays (Urgent Care will close at 6 p.m. on December 31 in observance of New Year's Day). For a map of locations, please visit <http://FamilyHealthAlabama.org>.

If a patient has a scheduled medical visit, the flu shot will be included in their visit and there will not be an additional charge to receive the flu shot on that visit.

Patients who do not have a visit with a Family Health provider in the clinic on the same day will pay a nominal administration fee for the flu shot based on their poverty scale: \$15 for levels A and B, \$16 for levels C and D; \$17 for level E; and \$18 for levels F and G. There is no out-of-pocket expense with most insurance plans.