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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Get the Shot, Not the Flu!**

**BOONE COUNTY**— This year it is more important than ever to get a flu shot to protect yourself and the people around you from flu, and to help reduce the strain on healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reducing the risk of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and even the risk of flu-related death in children are benefits of receiving the flu vaccine. Get the shot, not the flu!

The Boone County Health Department (BCHD) is hosting drive-thru flu vaccine clinics for Boone County residents age 6 months and older. Parents or legal guardians must be with children under 18 years of age. No appointment needed. Please bring your insurance card with you and remember to wear your face coverings.

#### **BCHD Drive-Thru Flu Vaccine Clinics**

Drive-thru clinics are located at 1204 Logan Ave. Belvidere from 10am – 2pm during the following dates:

- Tuesday - Thursday, October 20, 21, 22
- Tuesday - Thursday, October 27, 28, 29
- Wednesday & Thursday, November 4, 5
- Tuesday, November 10
- Thursday, November 12
- Wednesday, November 18

“Vaccinating against the flu is more important than ever as we prepare for flu and COVID-19 to be circulating this fall and winter” said Amanda Mehl, Public Health Administrator. “This year, we are excited to push out the #SleeveUp to #FightFlu campaign from the Illinois Department of Public Health. We are encouraging our community to be vaccinated.

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## Drive-Thru Flu Clinic

Anyone can get the flu, and it can be serious. Every year, protect yourself and those around you by getting a flu shot. For more information on the clinics, call the Boone County Health Department at 815-544-2951.

### **About The Boone County Health Department**

The Boone County Health Department is a local health department committed to serving the health needs of its almost 54,000 residents. Established in 1966, we promote and protect the health of the people and the communities in Boone County, right here, where they live, work, learn and play.