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DCHHS Reports 12th and 13th Flu-Related Deaths of 2018-2019 Season

DALLAS (March 6, 2019) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is reporting the 12th and 13th flu-related deaths in Dallas County for the 2018-2019 season. The 12th patient was 84 years of age and a resident of Dallas and the 13th patient was 86 years old and a resident of DeSoto. For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

“If you still haven’t gotten your flu shot it still is not too late”, said DCHHS Director Dr. Philip Huang.

“We cannot predict the intensity, severity or duration of the flu season from year to year,” said Dr. Christopher Perkins, DCHHS Health Authority/Medical Director. “The best way to protect yourself and others is to get your seasonal flu shot.”

It is not too late to receive the flu vaccine. DCHHS announced free flu vaccines for children and adults at *all* six immunizations clinic locations while supplies last.

<http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/immunization-hours.php>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine for all persons aged 6 months and older, with rare exception. Individuals should discuss flu vaccine concerns with a health care provider. The flu vaccine DCHHS provides is an all-in-one shot that protects against multiple flu strains including the H1N1virus. The adult flu vaccine is given in the adult immunization clinic on the first floor at the DCHHS building located at 2377 N. Stemmons Frwy in Dallas. The children’s vaccine is available at all DCHHS immunization clinics. Clinic hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 214-819-2162 or visit <http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/influenza.php>

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