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Additional Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinic by the Board of Health

Although the Canton Board of Health has been informed that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health had suspended further shipments of the Seasonal Flu vaccine at least until November, the Board still has a small supply of Seasonal Flu vaccine for targeted distribution. Accordingly, the Board will be offering a limited number of flu shots to Canton's most vulnerable citizens. This list of vulnerable individuals has been expanded to include both seniors over the age of 65 as well as anyone over the age of 18 with underlying chronic medical conditions. Because these individuals tend to be at a greater risk of developing serious complications, they are being targeted for receipt of this very limited supply of seasonal flu vaccine. According to MDPH, additional doses of seasonal flu vaccine are expected to be shipped to local health departments in early November, around the anticipated time of the arrival of the H1N1 Swine Flu vaccine. When those vaccine shipments do arrive, clinics will be scheduled accordingly and the public will be notified.

The Seasonal Flu Clinic for seniors and those over the age of 18 with underlying chronic medical conditions will be: Wednesday, October 21st from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at Pequitside Farm, 79 Pleasant Street.

Please note, The October 21st flu clinic is to vaccinate against seasonal flu only and not the H1N1 flu. However, based on the most recent information from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, both the H1N1 Swine Flu shot and Seasonal Flu shots are expected to be available at the Canton Health Fair on Saturday, November 7th, from 10 AM to 1 PM at Canton High School.

Submitted,

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