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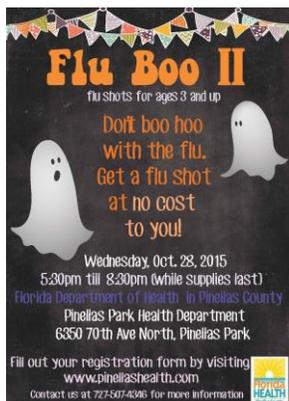
“FLU BOO II” PROVIDES FLU VACCINES AS NO-COST PRE-HALLOWEEN TREAT



--DOH-Pinellas to Hold Flu Clinic on Oct. 28 in Pinellas Park--

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Say “boo” to the flu at the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County’s (DOH-Pinellas) **Flu Boo II** clinic that will provide flu shots at no cost on Wednesday, Oct. 28, in Pinellas Park.

From 5:30 to 8:30 PM (or until supplies last), DOH-Pinellas staff and volunteers will provide flu vaccines at no charge at its Pinellas Park health department, 6350 76th Ave. N. Participants can remain in their cars while they get their flu shot at the drive-through or come inside the building’s clinic area. This is the second annual Flu Boo event that DOH-Pinellas has held at the Pinellas Park location.

Yearly flu vaccines are recommended for anyone older than six months of age, but they’re especially important for seniors, pregnant women and people with underlying health conditions. This season’s vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses.

In addition to maintaining good health habits and washing your hands with soap and water, a yearly flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself from influenza. Vaccination can reduce flu illnesses if you do get sick, which can mean less time lost at work or in school.

It takes about two weeks after vaccination for protection to set in, so late October is a good time to get immunized before holiday gatherings in November and December.

There are several types of flu vaccines available and many other places in Pinellas County to get your flu shot. In addition to DOH-Pinellas locations that offer vaccines for a fee during regular hours, there are many other locations in the community that provide them. For your nearest location, go to www.flu.gov.

For information about DOH-Pinellas or to find its locations, go to www.PinellasHealth.com.

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