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## PRESS RELEASE

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### GETTING VACCINATED AGAINST THE FLU IS IMPORTANT THIS SEASON

Glenn County, CA – The Glenn County Public Health flu vaccine clinics will look different this year. Vaccines will be available by **appointment-only** every Thursday starting in October at the Willows Public Health Office (240 N. Villa Ave). The influenza vaccine is FREE to all persons 12 years and older. The clinics will be drive-up to allow residents to receive the vaccine without leaving their car. Additional COVID precautions include staggered appointments and use of face coverings.

While flu vaccination is always important, this season getting vaccinated is even more important for people who are at higher risk of being exposed to flu and COVID-19, or developing serious complications from flu or COVID-19, such as:

- People 65 years and older
- People with underlying medical conditions like lung disease, heart disease, neurologic disorders, weakened immune systems, and diabetes.
- Caregivers who are in close contact with people who are medically vulnerable.
- Essential workers who have frequent interactions with the public.

“A flu vaccine also helps protect the frontline health care workers who will be caring for a lot of people sick with respiratory illnesses this fall and winter. Now it’s time for us to do our part by rolling up our sleeves and getting vaccinated against the flu,” said Dr. Jared Garrison, Glenn County Health Officer.

If you are not able to attend one of the Thursday clinics, the vaccine is also provided by many doctors’ offices, medical clinics and pharmacies. For a listing of sites that provide flu vaccine visit, [www.vaccinefinder.org](http://www.vaccinefinder.org).

For more information, contact the Glenn County Public Health Department 934-6588 or 1-800-655-5418 or visit our website: [www.countyofglenn.net](http://www.countyofglenn.net) and select Public Health.

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