

To SUAA Members:

**It is More Important Than Ever to Get the Flu Vaccine:
Flu shot options are plentiful though Agency locations are limited**

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [Illinois Department of Public Health \(IDPH\)](#), getting a flu vaccine during 2020-2021 is more critical than ever, although, getting a flu vaccine at a State agency will be limited. However, ***State Employees, Retirees and dependents have MANY options to obtain the flu vaccination at no cost to you. Choose the option and location that is most convenient for your family. Please remember, if you access care through your doctor or pharmacy, plan requirements and network utilization apply.****

- All CMS-sponsored health plans cover 100% of the cost of the influenza vaccine for in-network providers. Contact your medical provider to find out how to obtain a flu vaccine in your medical home.
- Many providers are offering walk-in, scheduled, or drive-thru clinics for their patients. For example, in Springfield and surrounding areas, Springfield Clinic is providing a variety of flu shot options for existing patients:
<https://www.springfieldclinic.com/flu>.
- Contact your local health department to determine their plan for flu shots this year. Many have walk-thru or drive-thru clinics.*
 - [Sangamon County Department of Public Health](#) offers a drive-thru clinic from 9 AM – 3 PM Tuesdays through Fridays at their South Grand location, with a lane for “State Employees Only” and additional locations throughout the community;
 - [Jackson County Health Department](#) offers public drive-thru clinics October 1, and October 22. Additionally, clinics specifically for State employees and families at SIUC are offered from 8 AM – 3 PM on October 6, 7, 14 and 15;
 - Kane County Health is offering flu shots for State employees (sign-up at the links below)
 - Friday, [October 2, in Elgin](#)
 - Friday, [October 9, in Aurora](#);
 - A listing of statewide Illinois public health departments and contact information is found [here](#).
- Many pharmacies offer scheduled or walk-in flu shots this year – check to make sure the pharmacy you select is in your health and/or pharmacy plan’s network.*
 - [CVS](#)
 - [Walgreens](#)
 - [HyVee](#)
- The following State universities are holding flu shot clinics on campus for their employees through campus health services:
 - Illinois State University: <https://healthservices.illinoisstate.edu/>
 - University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: <https://mckinley.illinois.edu/fluclinic>

To Receive the Seasonal Flu Vaccination at No Charge*

- Each employee must present his/her state health insurance card **and** State ID card.
- Each retiree must present his/her state health insurance card and another form of ID.

We will continue to update [you](#) as additional information becomes available. Please take advantage of your options, and protect yourself, your loved ones and your community during this critical time.

*** BlueAdvantage HMO and HMO Illinois members MUST contact your PCP for your flu shot or referral, as appropriate.**

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