

## Remind Your Patients to Get Their Flu Shot

Flu season will soon be here, and we support your efforts in helping our communities stay healthy and safe. Our member and community outreach focuses on reducing the number of office and emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and deaths due to influenza (flu).

### Vaccinations Strongly Encouraged

We encourage everyone eligible for an annual flu shot to get vaccinated. Additionally, we are reminding our members to call their providers to confirm **all vaccinations are up to date**. We are especially focused on vulnerable groups, such as older adults, pregnant women, and those with chronic diseases. Parents should also make sure their children are current on all vaccinations.

To encourage all Floridians to get their flu shots, our Florida Blue Medicare Chief Medical Officer Thomas Graf shares valuable information about flu shots in three short videos:

- [Why Do I Need a Flu Shot?](#) (Older adult focused)
- [Is the Flu Shot Safe?](#)
- [Who Should Get a Flu Shot?](#)

### Where Patients Can Get Flu Shots

If you are unable to accommodate a flu vaccination, please direct our member to Walgreens or another one of our in-network pharmacies. For patients who do not have insurance, Walgreens offers a limited number of vouchers to provide the flu vaccine at no cost.

Our members and the public can also get a flu shot at a local **Florida Blue Center offering vaccine clinics** this fall. Vaccines will be provided from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** on these dates:

- **Saturday, September 28, 2024**
- **Saturday, October 19, 2024**
- **Saturday, November 2, 2024**

Appointments are recommended and can be scheduled at [Scheduler.FloridaBlue.com](https://Scheduler.FloridaBlue.com). By entering their ZIP code, our members can schedule an appointment at the Florida Blue Center nearest them.

Together, we can ensure more people get their flu vaccinations, and, in doing so, help make patients, members, families, and communities safer and healthier.