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## **Frederick County Health Department Announces Children's Flu Vaccination Clinics in Brunswick and Thurmont**

**FREDERICK, MD** -- The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) is announcing two additional locations for flu vaccination clinics for children, one in Brunswick and one in Thurmont. These clinics offering flu vaccinations free of charge to children 6 months to 18 years of age who do not have health insurance, have health insurance that does not cover the cost of immunizations, or who are unable to get the vaccinated by their healthcare provider.

An appointment is required to obtain a flu vaccine. **Only the injectable (the shot) is available.** The free vaccine is provided by the Maryland Department of Health. Appointments are available on:

- Thursday, November 5:
  - Location: Railroad Square in Brunswick, MD
  - Time: 1-5pm
  - How to register: Visit [marylandvax.org](http://marylandvax.org) to sign up
- Friday, November 13:
  - Location: Municipal Building parking lot, 615 E. Main Street, Thurmont, MD
  - Time: 1-5pm
  - How to register: Visit [marylandvax.org](http://marylandvax.org) to sign up

Please note that face coverings are required for everyone over 5 years.

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Important information for Parents or Guardians:

- Children 17 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- If parent or guardian will not be bringing their child, they must send a written note giving the individual bringing the child authorization to have the child vaccinated.
- All vaccinated children are required to remain at the clinic for observation after vaccination.
- Only one parent or guardian may accompany children who have an appointment. Additional persons will not be admitted.

FCHD does not have available flu vaccine for adults 18 years of age and older. Adults should contact their healthcare provider or get a flu vaccine at one of the many locations in the community, such as pharmacies and grocery stores. Visit <https://vaccinefinder.org> to find other flu vaccinations in your zip code.

With COVID-19 and the flu coexisting this fall, it is more important than ever to take all precautions to keep you and your family healthy. Our healthcare workers have gone above and beyond to keep our community safe over the past six months. We are entering a pivotal season and it will take all of us doing our part to get through it together. Getting your flu vaccine is the best way to prevent getting the flu and possible complications from flu. Symptoms of the flu usually start suddenly and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, headache, and fatigue.

To learn more about flu or flu vaccination clinics please call the FCHD Flu Information Line, 301-600-3035, or visit [our website](#). Additional information about flu can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).

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