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## **Weber-Morgan Health Department invites residents to roll in and roll up their sleeves at drive-thru flu clinic**

(Ogden, UT) – Weber-Morgan Health Department will kick off its 2018 flu-prevention season with a drive-thru flu clinic, October 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the health department parking lot, 477 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in downtown Ogden.

“Before the weather turns cold, we want to make getting a flu shot as convenient as possible for people with young families and elderly family members or anyone who wants to stop by on their lunchbreak,” says Cheryl Andreasen, a public health nurse who oversees the Weber-Morgan Health Department’s Immunization Program.

Cost is \$30 for each injectable shot and \$59 for the high-dose quadrivalent vaccine recommended for those over 65. Most insurances cover the cost of the vaccine so participants are encouraged to bring their insurance and Medicare/Medicaid cards with them.

“It’s important to vaccinate early,” Andreasen says. “It takes two weeks for your immune system to build protection after receiving the vaccine so, if you’re looking at holiday and family gatherings, school parties or working in an office with clients and coworkers, now is the time to get your shot before the virus starts spreading in our community.”

Participants who roll in and roll up their sleeves will also help exercise the health department’s plans for setting up emergency medication dispensing sites. This includes mobilizing department staff and the all-volunteer Medical Reserve Corps, a group of local residents and medical professionals who have trained to respond during an emergency.

For more information or questions regarding the flu vaccine or insurance coverage, please see [www.webermorganhealthdepartment.org](http://www.webermorganhealthdepartment.org), or call 801-399-7250 to speak to a nurse, or listen to our recorded immunization hotline at 801-399-7777.

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