



## News Release - October 26, 2020

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### **VNA and the City of Aurora Extends Flu Shot Friday's at Phillips Park, Aurora until Thanksgiving**

In collaboration with the City of Aurora, VNA will be extending Flu Shot Friday's at Phillips Park through to the following dates and times:

Oct 30: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Nov 6: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Nov 13: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

“VNA is dedicated to improving access to healthcare for all. Protecting each person's health is especially important during this global pandemic. By offering these convenient, free flu vaccination community events, in addition to our drive through clinics at our health centers, we hope that everyone will get their flu shot to protect themselves, their families and vulnerable members of our community,” said Linnea Windel, President & CEO, VNA Health Care. “VNA appreciates this partnership with the City of Aurora to make getting a flu shot easy and encourages everyone to get their vaccination as soon as possible.”

VNA began providing flu shots as soon as the vaccine became available in early September in a vigorous effort to ensure that the community is protected during this flu season.

VNA has drive-through free\* flu shot clinics in Aurora, Elgin and Romeoville for everyone over the age of four years. For drive-through clinics, appointments are not needed and individuals will receive a free VNA resource bag while supplies last. Hours and locations can be found at: [vnahealth.com](http://vnahealth.com)

VNA is also offering flu shots inside their health centers by appointment for anyone over the age of six months. Same day appointments are often available.

The Center for Disease Control states that the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against influenza (flu) is to get a flu vaccine every flu season. Flu is a contagious respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness, hospitalization, or even death. The CDC recommends everyone six months and older get an annual flu vaccine.

\*Flu shots are available with no co-pay or deductible and no assessment is required; VNA is accepting all insurance for flu shots and there is no charge for individuals without insurance.

*VNA Health Care is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center in suburban Chicago and operates 16 clinics serving over 72,000 people a year. VNA is recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration as a Health Center Quality Leader at the Gold level and ranks in the top 10% of health centers nationwide for overall patient outcomes. Outcome measures include prenatal care, adolescent weight screening and counseling, vascular disease treatment, blood pressure control, healthy birth weights, and asthma care. VNA's combination of convenience (by appointment at this time), patient-centered technology and expert, cost-effective care delivered with respect and compassion have led to these results. VNA is accredited by The Joint Commission and certified as a Primary Care Medical Home for all sites. # # #*