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*Shots to begin again on November 28*

## Pinellas County Health Department Announces Receipt of Small Supply of Flu Vaccine

The Pinellas County Health Department has received an additional shipment of 1,000 doses of adult flu vaccine for distribution. This shipment is expected to complete the Pinellas County Health Department's supply of vaccine for the 2005-2006 flu season.

The health department will begin administering flu shots at its centers beginning Monday, November 28, 2005. There are five Pinellas County Health Department locations: St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Pinellas Park, Largo and Tarpon Springs. Flu shots will be offered on a walk-in basis from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays. On Wednesdays, the schedule is 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please call the center nearest you to ensure availability on the day you will be there.

The fee for the flu shot is \$25.00 and the pneumococcal (pneumonia) shot is \$34.00. The Pinellas County Health Department will bill Medicare for the cost of the immunization for those who have Medicare Part B non-HMO.

In addition to vaccination, the risk of contracting respiratory infections can be reduced by following a few simple steps:

- Clean hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleanser.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick and keep sick children home.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill, if possible.
- Do not share eating utensils, drinking glasses, towels or other personal items.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

For recorded information about vaccine distribution, call the Pinellas County Health Department at (727) 824-6900, and choose option 2. For additional information, visit or visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

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