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**Flu Clinic Scheduled for College Age Students**  
*General public are welcome*

The Trumbull Monroe Health District will be holding a special flu clinic for college age students on Wednesday, November 24, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the TMHD offices, 2 Corporate Drive, Suite 116, Trumbull. No appointment is necessary and there are no residency requirements. The seasonal flu vaccinations target three flu strains, including H1N1. TMHD has injectable vaccine for those 4 years of age and older who wish to be vaccinated and Flumist for those 2 years of age to 49 years of age.

“This is an opportunity for college students home for the holiday break to get vaccinated before influenza season is in full swing,” said Patrice Sulik, TMHD Director of Health. “Students living in dormitories and close living quarters are at increased risk for contacting infectious diseases.”

The cost of the seasonal vaccine is \$25.00. Cash and check are accepted. TMHD accepts Anthem, ConnectiCare, HealthNet, and Medicare, Part B insurance. ConnectiCare and HealthNet provide coverage for the FluMist for ages 2 years – 49 years. **All insurance cards must be brought to the clinic for billing purposes, as well as a driver’s license (if you have one).** **Participants are responsible for the insurance co-pay or deductible, if that applies. Anthem and Medicare do not cover the cost of Flumist. Residents who are unable to pay the vaccination fee should contact the Public Health Nurse at TMHD for assistance at 203-452-5195.**

It is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) that everyone 6 months of age and older should get vaccinated each year.

TMHD will provide Fluvirin (injectable vaccination) manufactured by Novartis. This vaccine contains the A/H1N1 (pandemic influenza) and A/H3N2 and Influenza B - like antigens, which are thought to most likely occur this winter. Those 4 years of age and older can receive the injectable vaccination. Also available is Flumist (nasal spray) manufactured by Medimmune. It is approved for those 2 years of age through 49 years of age and those who do not have asthma. Children under 5 years of age with recurrent wheezing should not receive the Flumist. Note the vaccine will not prevent illness cause by other viruses.

For more information on the flu clinics or vaccinations, contact TMHD at 203-452-5195.

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The mission of the Trumbull Monroe Health District is to protect the health of residents, and to prevent disease. For more information on the Trumbull Monroe Health District call 203-452-5195, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or visit our website at [www.tmhd.org](http://www.tmhd.org).