

Health Department Gave 4,120 Doses Of Flu Vaccine

The Mecklenburg County Health Department gave 4,120 doses of bivalent flu vaccine to citizens 60 and older during a public clinic this past weekend, and later this week the vaccine will be available at the Health Department and its annexes for those persons who did not come to the public clinic.

Beginning Thursday, October 28, citizens 60 and older may be vaccinated at the Health Department, 1200 Blythe Boulevard. The best time to come, in order to go through quickly, is at one of these hours: Thursdays, 8 to 11 a.m.; Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m. and Mondays, 8 to 11 a.m. or 2 to 4 p.m.

Beginning Friday, you may also get the vaccine at the Health Department's extension in Belmont Center, 700 Parkwood Avenue. These are the best hours to come; Mondays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. and Fridays 2 to 4 p.m. The number to call for more information about this program is 374-2117.

The shots will also be given at the Health Department's Huntersville extension on Highway 115, beginning Friday. These hours are suggested for those who wish to go through quickly: Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 4 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. The number to call for additional information about Hunterville is 875-2523.

The Health Department has notified all private physicians who have requested bivalent flu vaccine that the vaccine is ready to be picked up at the Health Department. Private physicians in Mecklenburg have requested 9,217 doses of the bivalent vaccine, which is protection against A New Jersey, or swine flu, and A Victoria, the strain of flu that was prevalent last year. The private physicians will use this vaccine for their chronically ill patients and for those 60 and older. Nursing homes have also been contacted and vaccine is being made available to the homes that request it.

Beginning Monday, November 8, the Health Department will give shots to the chronically ill persons who come to the Department or to one of the annexes. The schedule for these shots will be the same as those for the vaccination of the 60 and older.

All of the vaccine is free, and all shots given at the Health Department will be free. Private physicians may charge for administering the vaccine. The program at the Health Department will be an on-going one, lasting for an indefinite period of time.

No dates have been set for the public clinics for citizens 18 to 60. The County is still waiting to receive a sufficient quantity of monovalent vaccine, which will be used at these clinics. The vaccine is protection against only the A New Jersey or swine flu.

Dr. Maurice Kamp, Director of the Health Department, and Mrs. Judy Forrest, Coordinator of the County's Swine Flu Vaccination Program, called the weekend clinic for older citizens a successful operation. The clinic was staffed by Health Department nurses and by Red Cross staff and volunteers. Throughout the two-day period, citizens came and went with a minimum of delay. Even at the peak hours, it took no more than seven minutes for a person to enter the building, be briefed, turn in a consent

form, be vaccinated, and return to the parking lot. The clinic was held in the County's Social Services Center on Billingsley Road. The Health Department number to call for additional information is 374-2165.



Five of eight new members of the Charlotte Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. are shown above. They are, left to right, Thelma Bynum, Sarah Gist, Nancy Stroud, Diana Moss and Dottie Fuller. New members not pictured are Sandra Murdock, Catherine Waterman and Thelma Johnson. An installation ceremony was held Friday evening, October 22. During the ceremony, affirmations to support the purpose of the organization and to continue to spread goodwill in the community were made. Afterwards, the "Jacks joined their Jills for a social," said a statement from the organization.

Beginning December 8 Eastern Schedules Non-Stop Flights To Houston, Texas

Eastern Airlines will begin the first daily non-stop service to Houston, Texas on December 8, when the airline changes to its winter schedule of flights leaving Douglas Municipal Airport.

Announcing the new non-stop service today, A. Russell Upshaw, Regional Director-Sales & Services, South Central Region, said Flight 385 will leave Charlotte daily at 9:50 a.m. and arrive at 10:53 a.m. in Houston.

Eastern's returning non-stop service, Flight 388, will leave Houston daily at 1:20 p.m. and arrive at 4:12 p.m. in Charlotte.

The winter schedule also provides six other Eastern services to Houston via connecting flights in Atlanta.

The list of non-stop destinations served by Eastern should benefit many business travelers in the Charlotte area," said Mr. Upshaw. "The two cities share a community of interests in that they are both fast-growing centers of commercial and financial activity."

Eastern's winter schedule will also provide daily non-stop service to fourteen other leading business destinations: Atlanta, Jacksonville, Akron-Canton, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Ohio; New York City, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C.

"I was surprised that she consented to fly because she has always been opposed to me flying," said Mrs. Eva Wiley, Mrs. Johnson's daughter. "She enjoyed the trip so much, she's planning to fly again."

Mrs. Johnson was accompanied on her flight by her grand daughter, Mary Catherine Johnson, and her great-grand daughter, 16 month-old Tammy Johnson.

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Mrs. Johnson Experiences First Plane Ride

Mrs. Mary C. Johnson, of 2017 Lynhurst Ave., experienced a "first" in her life this past weekend that she reportedly enjoyed. Mrs. Johnson, who is 74-years-old, left Charlotte to visit her sister, Mrs. Sarah Warren, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, on the 8:15 flight Friday morning. She made the flight after discouraging the members of her family to board a plane.

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