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Drive-up shot clinic Sept. 25 offers flu, pneumonia, other vaccinations via local collaboration

Newest COVID-19 shot available

LAGRANGE, Ind. – *Sept. 16, 2025* – A drive-up clinic offering a variety of vaccinations will be open to all residents of LaGrange and surrounding counties on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parkview LaGrange Hospital will host the clinic in its north parking lot at 207 N. Townline Road in collaboration with Super Shot and the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

"We hope many area residents will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain multiple vaccinations that are very important at this time of year," said Jordi Disler, market president, Parkview Health North. "Getting vaccinated not only protects the person who receives the shot, but it also helps limit the spread of contagious diseases like flu and COVID to other people in the person's life who may be vulnerable. Our Parkview LaGrange team is pleased to bring this event to the public again in conjunction with these wonderful community partners."

Multiple shots available

The event will offer vaccines for flu, COVID-19, pneumonia, RSV and shingles:

- **Flu shot** Regular dose recommended for ages 6 months and older. High-dose flu shot available for adults 65-plus, regardless of insurance status.
- COVID-19 (newest, 2025 vaccine) Recommended for ages 65 and up, and adults 18-64 with underlying conditions. Recommended by American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for children 6 months-23 months; children ages 2-17 may receive at parents' discretion.
- Pneumonia Recommended for adults ages 50 and up, and adults 19-49 with risk factors.
- RSV Recommended for adults ages 75 and up, and adults 50-74 with risk factors.
- Shingles Recommended for adults ages 50 and up.

Individuals with healthcare coverage should bring their insurance card as insurance will be billed, if applicable. Super Shot is able to bill a variety of insurance plans, but insurance is not required. No one will be turned away for inability to pay. PLH will cover the cost of vaccinations for those who have no insurance.

For answers to vaccine-specific questions, call 260-424-7468. For all other questions, call 260-463-9389.

Influenza

Anyone can get the flu (influenza), a contagious, viral respiratory illness that sickens and kills vulnerable Hoosiers each year. According to the Indiana Department of Health, on average, 5% to 20% of the nation's population comes down with the flu in any given year. Pregnant women, young children, older adults and people with health conditions such as asthma, heart disease, lung disease, metabolic disorders, weakened immune systems and others are at high risk for flu complications.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone age 6 months or older get the flu vaccine annually. The drive-up event will have the regular trivalent flu vaccine (covering three strains of flu virus) as well as the high-dose or "enhanced" flu vaccine recommended for people 65-plus.

COVID-19

2025-26 COVID-19 shots are available and updated to provide protection against the latest circulating strains of COVID-19.

For adults: In May 2025, the CDC changed recommendations and now recommends COVID-19 vaccines for seniors age 65 and older to protect against severe disease. For adults 18-64 years, CDC is recommending protection with a COVID-19 vaccine for those who have underlying risk factors. For more information about what puts you at risk, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/covid/hcp/clinical-care/underlying-conditions.html.

For children: The American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended vaccines for children age 6 months to 23 months to protect from hospitalization and severe disease.

"Pediatricians have come together to provide clarity for parents when it comes to COVID-19 vaccines for kids," said Staci Kaczmarek, RN, clinical manager, Super Shot. "The newest COVID-19 vaccines are available to protect kiddos in our community."

Note: Children ages 2 to 17 can still receive a vaccine at their parents' discretion.

Pneumonia

Like flu, pneumonia has the potential to be mild or severe. This infection of the lungs can be caused by viruses, bacteria or fungi. The infection causes inflammation that makes breathing difficult and can be challenging to fight, particularly for people with underlying medical conditions. Getting vaccinated can lower the risk of developing pneumonia, especially for smokers, adults 50 and older, and people with asthma, heart or lung disease or other ongoing health concerns.

RSV

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) causes symptoms that can be mistaken for a cold: coughing, sneezing, runny nose, fever, wheezing and a diminished appetite. However, for babies, young children and older adults, it can be much more serious. There is no treatment for RSV, so individuals whose age or medical conditions might put them at risk for complications are urged to get the vaccine as a preventive measure. RSV vaccines provide years of protection and do not need to be repeated each season.

Shingles

Shingles is a painful, itchy rash with blisters caused by the virus associated with chickenpox. Once a person is exposed to the virus, it remains in their bodies, and as they age and their immune systems weaken, the virus can re-emerge as shingles. Shingles sores can erupt anywhere on the body or head (including the face) and can result in serious complications. That's why adults 50 and older – as well as those 19-plus who have poor immune response – are encouraged to get the two-dose shingles vaccine as a preventive measure.

Reminders

Guests should dress appropriately to allow clinic volunteers easy access to their upper arm to administer the vaccinations.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness – such as sore throat, runny nose, cough, sneezing, fever, fatigue, muscle aches and/or headache – is asked not to participate in this event. Many of these symptoms can be associated with cold, flu and COVID-19.