

Health district prepares for upcoming flu season

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Cindy Irick, director of nursing for the Logan County Health District, presented information about flu vaccinations at the district's board meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The health district will operate two flu clinics.

The first clinic, operated on a first-come, first-served basis from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27, at Riverside High School, DeGraff, is open to those at least six months of age. The cost of the cash-only clinic is \$10 per shot.

Ms. Irick said the clinic also serves as an emergency preparedness drill for the health district.

"This exercise will help our staff and volunteers get the feel and layout of the (Riverside school) facility in case an emergency situation would come up in the future," she said.

Health Commissioner Boyd Hoddinott said the more people who participate in the clinic, the better prepared the health district would be in the event of an actual emergency.

"We hope to get a high turnout from the community," he said.

Riverside EMS, DeGraff EMS, the Logan County EMA, the Mad River Chapter of the American Red Cross, and several other local agencies also are involved in organizing and executing the clinic, Ms. Irick said.

A second clinic for highrisk

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to 6 p.m.

at the health district, 310 S. Main St. The price per shot is \$20. Register by calling 592-9042 between Oct. 15-24. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted.

Individuals at risk for developing complications from influenza include those between the ages of six months and 59 months, pregnant women, adults 50 years and older and those with chronic illnesses, according to Ohio Department of Health guidelines. Individuals who come in contact with infants up to six months old are also recommended for the vaccine.

In other action, the board:

- accepted a \$5,000 twoyear grant from the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps, which will be used to serve the Amish community;
- hired Misti Buckenroth, home health billing clerk, to replace Kim Bolt;
- approved annual evaluations for Virginia White, public health nurse; Pam Wood, environmental clerical specialist; Cathy Summers, nursing services clerical specialist; Jackie Prater, immunizations clerk; Pat Lentz, emergency preparedness coordinator; and Lesley Rowan, information technology manager;
- approved a new public records policy and designated Lisa Downing, health district administrator, as public records custodian;
- approved a new drug testing policy for employees;

solid waste behind her house within three days;

- ordered Ron Stayman, 168 N. Sandusky St., Rushsylvania, to remove all solid waste and debris from his residence within seven days;
 - ordered Steve Smelcer of Lima to either remove wood within 14 days or stack wood securely at his property along Parker Drive, Belle Center, because there is evidence of children playing on the logs;
 - ordered Sandra Bethel of McComb to remove the house and all debris from her property along Cottonwood Avenue, Lakeview, within 30 days, and also ordered her to remove the manufactured home and debris from her property along Oakwood Avenue, Lakeview;
 - approved variance requests from James Gard of Miamisburg to place a well two feet from his driveway at 9464 Cottonwood Drive, Huntsville; from Paul Farkas of Columbus to place a well two feet from his property line and six feet from his house at 9169 Breezy Way, Belle Center; from Steve Mays of Findlay to use an existing well that will be four feet from the new foundation at 8703 State Route 273, Belle Center; from Raleigh Haney, 14166 Collingwood Ave., Lakeview, to place a well 13 feet from the road; and from Charles T. Moore of Bellefontaine to waive the requirement for a sewage system inspection.
- The next meeting is 1 p.m.

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