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Douglas Public Health Network Hosting Free Drive-Thru Flu Shot Event

(Roseburg, OR) – December 1, 2017 – Douglas Public Health Network (DPHN) is excited to host its first-ever **free** drive-thru flu vaccination event at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on December 9th, from 9am to 4pm. The event is aimed at Douglas County residents ages three and up, and is **limited to the first 2000 attendees**.

There is absolutely no cost to those receiving vaccinations, and no insurance information has to be presented. You can visit <http://www.dispenseassist.net/flu.html> to print and fill out your form to help you get through the line quicker, or there will be forms available at the event if you do not have access to a printer. You might not even have to get out of your vehicle to receive your vaccination!

Next week is National Influenza Vaccination Week, which shares as a reminder: it's not too late, to vaccinate. "As people start traveling more during the holidays, and visiting with friends and family, it's important to remember that 'sharing *isn't* always caring,'" DPHN Executive Director Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer stressed. "December and January are often the peak months of flu season, and no one wants to be sick during the holidays, so please come and take advantage of a free vaccination."

Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman, who sits on the DPHN Board, said, "It's because of great community partnerships the county has established, that events like this are able to provide free services to our community members."

While the vaccine varies in how well it works, there are many studies that show that flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctor visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. CDC estimates that last season, flu vaccine prevented 5.1 million cases of flu, 2.5 million flu-related medical visits and 71,000 flu-associated hospitalizations.

The Douglas County Fairgrounds are located at 2110 SW Frear Street in Roseburg. DPHN would also like to thank all their community partners and agencies for assisting in helping make this event a success.

About [DPHN](#)

Douglas Public Health Network began 2015 to participate in a new way to provide public health services in Douglas County. Several local not-for-profit agencies came together to form a new not-for-profit organization: DPHN. In December 2015, DPHN signed a contract with Douglas County to provide communicable disease and emergency preparedness services.

About [Douglas County](#)

Douglas County Government employs over 800 full- and part-time employees in a wide variety of jobs. The Board of Commissioners, consisting of three full-time members, is the county's governing body. They provide a direct link between the citizens of Douglas County and their county government. The Board of Commissioners is responsible for: approving ordinances (county laws); adopting the county budget; setting standards for the use of county property; appointing non-elected officials to boards, commissions, and committees; and oversees all operations of the county.

Regular Board meetings are scheduled for each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in Room 216 of the County Courthouse. Department head work sessions are held every Monday and Friday in room 219 of the County Courthouse, unless otherwise posted.

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