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City Begins Providing Free Flu Shots to the Community

Be POWERflu Campaign Aims to Protect Residents

El Paso, Texas— The City of El Paso Department of Public Health and the El Paso Fire Department have kicked off the Be POWERflu campaign by offering **FREE** flu vaccines to individuals 6 months of age and older at any of the City’s four (4) Community Clinics.

El Paso Community Clinics, which require **no** appointment or insurance, are open for vaccinations Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The clinics are closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday. They are located at:

- Westside, 7380 Remcon
- Henderson, 721 S. Mesa St.
- Northeast, 9566 Railroad
- Lower Valley, 9341 Alameda

The City of El Paso is also partnering with local organizations to provide “**Be POWERflu**” Pop-Up Events which are listed on the website BePOWERflu.com.

Our kickoff will begin in partnership with El Paso Animal Services and the Parks Department at the following events:

**Drive-Thru Wellness Event:
Vax Your Pet + Vax Yourself!**
8 to 10 a.m. Sunday, August 18
6500 Bonanza
Free pet vaccines + microchips

**3K Walk or Run:
Celebrate Live Active El Paso**
8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, August 24
Marty Robins Park, 11620 Vista Del Sol Dr.
Fitness Sessions: Free T-shirts, raffles, giveaways and live DJ

The “**Be POWERflu**” prevention campaign is meant to reduce the risk of serious illness and hospitalizations due to flu-related complications by providing the Influenza vaccine to anyone for whom the vaccine is approved, following the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations.

Individuals who receive their flu shot annually are better protected against the flu virus and greatly reduce their risk of getting infected. Most importantly, they will have less risk of flu-related hospitalizations, which in turn will help keep hospital rooms available for other serious respiratory illnesses or conditions.

For more information about the flu vaccine and for locations on upcoming flu events, visit BePowerFlu.com.

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