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City Hosts Free Drive-Thru Flu Shot Event at Abundant East Be PowerFlu Campaign Aims to Save Lives

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Department of Public Health, in partnership with the El Paso Fire Department, is hosting a FREE drive-thru flu vaccination clinic from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, November 16, at Abundant East, 1000 Valley Crest Dr.

The drive-thru clinic in East El Paso will offer flu shots at no cost for individuals ages 6 months and older. <u>No</u> appointment or insurance is necessary, making it convenient for community members to receive this critical preventive care.

The first 150 participants will receive a free "Be PowerFlu" T-shirt and lots of giveaways.

"Each fall and winter, we see a rise in respiratory illnesses, with influenza posing a significant risk due to its potential for severe complications, including hospitalization and even death," said Dr. Hector Ocaranza, City-County Health Authority. "The flu vaccine is a powerful tool in our fight against these dangers, offering protection that can prevent serious illness and save lives. We strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated before flu season peaks."

The "Be PowerFlu" campaign is part of El Paso's ongoing effort to reduce flurelated illnesses and hospitalizations, keeping our community healthy, safe, and resilient.

For more information about flu vaccinations and additional health resources, visit <u>BePOWERflu.com</u>.

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