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Please publish the attached press release as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you may call me at the above number. Thank you.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ADDITIONAL FAMILY FLU CLINIC SCHEDULED

Haven't received your flu shot yet? If you or your family members have not been immunized for seasonal flu, now is the optimal time to do so. Convenient for families and working people, the Central Connecticut Health District will hold a flu vaccination clinic from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th at Wethersfield Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

The Central Connecticut Health District needs **your** support to reach our goal for our 2011 flu clinics. Our staff and volunteers are dedicated to assisting individuals within our community in preparation of a public health emergency and the flu clinics are one of many ways you can help.

Seasonal flu vaccination is now recommended for everyone age 6 months and older. As usual, the flu vaccine protects people from the 3 strains of influenza that are likely to be circulating this flu season. Flu vaccines provide annual protection and flu strains change regularly, so it is important to get a new flu shot every year.

The Health District offers 3 types of vaccination; nasal spray vaccine (available to any healthy person age 4 through 49), injectable and preservative-free injectable.

The Central Connecticut Health District is offering flu vaccination for **anyone age 4 years and older, regardless of residency**. The Health District will bill **all Medicare Part B** plans, **all** ConnectiCare Plans, and **all** Anthem plans. Participants **must** bring the card from one of the above plans to the clinic to receive their flu vaccination at no charge. The cost for all others is \$25, and a receipt will be provided upon request.

Pneumonia shots also will be available. The above mentioned insurance providers can also be billed for pneumonia shots by the Health District. The cost for all others is \$50 and a receipt will be provided upon request.

Participants are asked to wear short sleeves or loose-sleeved clothes.

Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield residents who are totally homebound may call the Health District at 721-2818 to arrange for a home visit. A recorded message with Health District clinic information is also available by calling 721-2822 and choosing option 1, or by checking the Central Connecticut Health District's web site at www.ccthd.org.