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State to waive administrative fee statewide for flu vaccine

Fee waiver in effect until the end of the year for eligible Alaskans

ANCHORAGE — In an effort to encourage more Alaskans to get immunized against the flu, the Alaska Division of Public Health will be waiving the standard \$28 administrative fee for the flu vaccine at all state public health centers in Alaska, now through the end of the year for certain Alaskans.

Those who qualify could always receive the shot with no charge for the vaccine itself, but were still required to pay the administrative fee. That fee has now been waived through the end of the year.

State-supplied flu vaccine is available at no charge, but only to:

- children under the age of 3, and
- anyone age 3 and older who
 - does not have health insurance;
 - has health insurance that doesn't cover vaccines;
 - has insurance but hasn't met their deductible for vaccination coverage;
 - has insurance but doesn't know if their health insurance covers vaccines or not; or
 - has nowhere else to go in the community to receive the vaccine.

Both injectable and nasal spray versions of the vaccine are available at state public health centers, while supplies last.

For the location of a public health center near you go to:
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Nursing/Pages/locations.aspx>

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