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GET THE SHOT CAMPAIGN

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The Georgetown Healthcare Alliance, a program of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, encourages the community to get their flu shot. According to the CDC “Getting the flu shot is more important than ever during 2020-2021 to protect yourself and the people around you from the flu, and to help reduce the strain on healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic”. The flu vaccine can prevent you from getting the flu or lessen the symptoms if you do contract the virus. The vaccine also acts as an important preventative tool to lower the risk for children, pregnant women, and those with a chronic illness.

Flu season lasts from October to May. To maximize effectiveness, get your flu shot before the end of October. This way you receive the vaccine before the flu viruses could spread within your community.

During the pandemic, it is important to note, that while COVID-19 and the flu share certain similarities in symptoms, they are NOT the same. Some similar symptoms include fever or chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headaches, or muscle pain and body aches. Please seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know shows signs of bluish lips or face, new confusion, trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, or the inability to wake or stay awake. If you are feeling sick, stay home regardless of symptoms and remember it is important to wear a mask, social distance, and practice frequent hand washing to prevent not only the transmission of COVID-19 but the flu as well.

The Chamber has created a resource page with a list of locations where you can get your flu shot at varying prices. This list will be updated periodically with the most current information. Please visit this resource page at <https://georgetownchamber.org/flu-shot-locations/>.

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