

Subject: Flu Vaccines and Your Washington College Student

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Washington College Student:

We encourage all students to obtain a seasonal flu vaccination while they are home for fall break (if they did not receive one on campus). Health Services received only a limited supply of seasonal flu vaccine this year and there are many students who did not receive a shot.

There are several options to help you find a location where the seasonal flu vaccine is available, including your family physician, some chain drug stores, and local health departments. In our continued efforts to prevent the spread of both the seasonal and H1N1 flu on campus this year, we are encouraging all students to be vaccinated and ask for your assistance in this effort.

Students unable to obtain a seasonal flu shot at home have some options locally including the nearby Walgreens (at the intersection of Washington Ave. and Morgnec Road/Route 291 -- within walking distance from campus) or to the drive-thru seasonal flu clinic offered by the Kent County Health Department on Wednesday , October 14 at the County Roads Building, 709 Morgnec Road, Chestertown from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for \$20.00. The Kent County Health Department will also be offering walk-in flu clinics at the main health department building (125 South Lynchburg St. -- also within walking distance from campus) every Friday from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon beginning Friday, October 30.

Health Services has ordered the H1N1 vaccine and hopes that delivery occurs in the next 2-3 weeks (however, this is subject to availability). For updates on the status of the H1N1 vaccine, please visit the health services website at:

<http://health.washcoll.edu/fluinformation.php>

Thank you for your help in keeping our students and others on the Washington College campus healthy this year!

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