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To: Cape May County Physicians, Community Clinics, Hospital Infection Control, Municipal Clerks, Cape May County Departments of Aging and Social Services, County and Municipal senior centers, School Superintendents, School Nurses, assisted living facilities, churches, Puerto Rican Action Committee, Cape Human Resources, US Coast Guard

RE: County offers two more flu vaccination clinics

Cape May County will hold two additional free flu vaccination clinics. In New Jersey influenza typically peaks in January or February, so there is still time to get a flu shot and be protected before the flu is in full swing. After getting the flu vaccine it takes about two weeks for the body to mount an immune response that protects against the virus. As a reminder, the state of NJ requires that children less than 5 years old who attend daycare or preschool receive a flu shot by the end of this month or they won't be able to attend school as of January 1st.

Information on all flu clinics is posted on the flu hotline at 463-6581 and online at www.cmchealth.net. Clinic information is also shared on the Department's Facebook page.

Date	Time	Place
Sunday, December 18	11am-2pm	St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church 114 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City Hall behind Church
Friday, January 6	1-3pm	Department of Health 6 Moore Road (bldg #17) Exit 11 off of GSP, Cape May Court House

These flu clinics are for everyone 6 months and older. The FluZone High-Dose vaccine (flu vaccine licensed only for seniors) and the pneumonia vaccine will also be available at the Department of Health clinic on January 6th.

Consent forms are available at www.cmchealth.net, at the Department of Health, and will be available at the clinics. Persons with a severe allergy to eggs, other vaccine components, or who have been told by a doctor that they have had Guillain-Barre syndrome need to receive the flu vaccine from their personal physician.

Sincerely,

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