



September 7, 2021

Ms. Hannah Hatch and Ms. Renee Haeuser
Bloomington Public Schools
1350 W 106th St.
Bloomington, MN 55431

Dear Hannah and Renee:

Thank you for hosting an influenza (flu) vaccine clinic at numerous Bloomington Public Schools facilities. This letter is to serve as confirmation of the date(s) and time(s) the City of Bloomington's Public Health Division (Bloomington Public Health) will be onsite to provide flu vaccine to the clinic's pre-identified primary audience.

Clinic Date(s), Time(s) and Location(s)

Friday, October 1, 2021
Bloomington Transportation Building – Office
8801 Lyndale Ave. S
Bloomington, MN 55420
10:00am – 12:00pm

Private Registration Link:

<https://prepmohealth.state.mn.us/appointment/en/reg/9962158460>

Tuesday, October 5, 2021
Valley View Middle School – Health Office
8900 Portland Ave. S
Bloomington, MN 55420
2:30pm – 5:30pm

Private Registration Link:

<https://prepmohealth.state.mn.us/appointment/en/reg/5611429089>

Thursday, October 14, 2021
Oak Grove Middle School – Community Clinic
1300 W. 106th St.
Bloomington, MN 55431
4:00pm – 6:00pm

Public Registration Link:

[BLM.MN/clinics](https://blm.mn/clinics)

Monday, October 18, 2021
Jefferson High School – Media Center
4001 W. 102nd St.
Bloomington, MN 55437
2:30pm – 5:30pm

Private Registration Link:

<https://prepmohealth.state.mn.us/appointment/en/reg/9962158280>

Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Kennedy High School
9701 Nicollet Ave. S
Bloomington, MN 55420
2:30pm – 5:30pm

Private Registration Link:

<https://prepmohealth.state.mn.us/appointment/en/reg/2089951659>

Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Olson Middle School – Cafeteria
4551 W. 102nd St.
Bloomington, MN 55437
2:30pm – 5:30pm

Private Registration Link:

<https://prepmohealth.state.mn.us/appointment/en/reg/9962158820>

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 | 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Oak Grove Middle School – Community Clinic
1300 W. 106th St.
Bloomington, MN 55431

Public Registration Link: [BLM.MN/clinics](https://blm.mn/clinics)

Appointments and Assistance

Flu shots are by appointment only and will require preregistration online via the registration link(s) listed above for each clinic. Same-day registration will also be available with help from on-site staff. Bloomington Public Health uses PrepMod as its primary appointment scheduling system and data upload pathway to the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) database. PrepMod is compliant with all state and federal data privacy laws.

Bloomington Public Health recognizes that this is a change from previous flu clinics and will require additional assistance with familiarizing host site coordinators and the public with the new online process. There are two options available for assistance to those seeking a flu shot:

1. Request on-site preregistration help. The Tuesday prior to the clinic date, Bloomington Public Health interns are available by request to come out to facilities to assist individuals with preregistering for a flu shot. To request this option, please contact Laura VanLuven at either lvanluven@BloomingtonMN.gov or 612-790-1823.
2. Call 952-563-8900 and select the option for assistance with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Insurance and Fees

Most major health insurers cover the cost of flu vaccines. If an individual is uninsured, the City will cover the cost for that individual, or if they are able to pay, the cost is \$40 per shot. The City of Bloomington holds contracts with the following insurance providers to cover in-network services. Individuals who have insurance coverage through other groups may be billed for out-of-network services.

- BlueCross and BlueShield
- Preferred One
- HealthPartners
- Ucare
- Medicare - Part B coverage
- Medicaid

Equipment and Clinic Space

As in years past, the City of Bloomington requests that each site provide the below equipment and space for flu clinic operations. If any of the below items will pose an issue, please contact Amanda Lemke (alemke@bloomingtonmn.gov, 612-210-1875) as soon as possible.

- Tables that can be wiped down with strong sanitizer
- Chairs that can be wiped down with strong sanitizer
- Wi-Fi
- Electrical outlet access
- Wastebaskets

Clinic Safety Requirements

Bloomington Public Health is prioritizing the health and safety of all staff and flu clinic patrons. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the surge of the delta variant of COVID-19, the following safety and mitigation measures will be required during flu clinic operation.

- Unless otherwise exempted, all individuals entering the clinic space in the facility are required to wear a face mask the entire time they are in the clinic. Disposable face masks will be provided to anyone who needs one.
- All individuals, whether receiving a vaccination or not, must stay home or out of the clinic space if they are feeling ill. Signage will be posted by the Bloomington Public Health Flu Clinic staff reminding participants to not enter the clinic area if they are not feeling well, have been exposed to, or are exhibiting any known symptoms of COVID-19. Additional signage may be posted by the

facility. Individuals presenting at the clinic who are visibly ill will be asked to leave the clinic and reschedule their vaccination for when they are well.

- All persons entering the Clinic are expected to maintain appropriate social distance from others (6 feet or more) while in the Clinic. Participants should not gather in close groups, hallways or other confined areas. If there is a significant surge of walk-in registrants, participants may be asked to return at another time to ensure the safety of all.
- All participants will be asked to sanitize their hands with hand sanitizer upon entering the Clinic.

COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines will NOT be offered at flu clinics this year. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Amanda Lemke, Health Specialist Emergency Preparedness and Flu Clinic Lead, at alemke@bloomingtonmn.gov or 612-210-1875. If the primary audience for the flu clinic(s) you are hosting wish to receive a first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, Bloomington Public Health staff will gladly assist in locating a convenient COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

As of the time of this letter, COVID-19 booster shots for the general public (for Pfizer and Moderna) are pending approval by the FDA and recommendation by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. People with moderately to severely compromised immune systems who are seeking a third dose are encouraged to talk with their health care provider about their medical condition and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate. Individuals in this group may also contact a local pharmacy who is providing COVID-19 vaccines. Bloomington Public Health is currently updating our protocols and processes to allow us to provide third doses to people with compromised immune systems who lack a health care provider. Thank you for your patience as we learn more about our role as a safety net provider of COVID-19 vaccines.

Thank you for your partnership as we work to keep our community healthy and safe!

Sincerely,



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