BAY COUNTY
Health Department
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TO: Area Media Outlets

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RE: **2012 Fall Flu Vaccination Clinic**

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The Bay County Health Department will hold a community vaccination clinic for the public in the small gym at the Bay County Community Center, 800 J.F. Kennedy Drive. The clinic will be held on **October 2, 2012 from 8:00am – 4:00pm.**

This year the fall flu vaccine will protect against the influenza A H3N2 virus, the Wisconsin influenza B virus, and the 2009 H1N1 virus. Everyone is encouraged to get a flu shot, although certain people are at greater risk for serious complications from the flu.

These include:

- Older people
- Young children
- People with chronic lung disease (such as asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), diabetes, heart disease, neurologic conditions, and certain other long-term health conditions
- Pregnant women

Those allergic to chicken eggs, have experienced an allergic reaction to flu vaccines in the past, or who have had Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) should talk with their doctor about other ways to prevent getting the flu. If you are ill with a fever (i.e. a temperature of 100°) you should wait until your symptoms pass to get vaccinated.

Health insurances will be billed to cover the cost of the vaccination. Please bring your insurance card and identification with you. If you have Medicare Part B, bring your red-white-and-blue Medicare Card and driver's license or other form of ID and Medicare will be billed for the vaccination. **If you do not have health insurance, the cost of the vaccine is $25.00.** Cost may be determined based on income.

People are encouraged to wear short sleeves or sleeves that can easily be rolled up.

Please call Bay County Health Department's Health Information line at 895-4192, or visit the website at www.baycounty-mi.gov/health for updated information.

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