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For Immediate Release:

New High Dose Flu Vaccine Available for Residents 65 and Older

September 15, 2011 (Norristown, PA) The Montgomery County Health Department will make available during the upcoming 2011-2012 flu season the new Fluzone High Dose vaccine, an inactivated (not live) influenza virus vaccine, for residents 65 and older.

Fluzone High-Dose clinics will be held at three senior centers within the county. The shot is free of charge. Residents must contact the senior center to make an appointment. Specific information on what is needed will be provided at the time the appointment is made. Traditional flu shots will be available for residents who are 50 to 64 years of age.

Fluzone High-Dose vaccine is a flu shot, made up of the three flu strains most likely to cause illness for a particular flu season. Fluzone High-Dose vaccines contain four times the amount of antigen (the part of the vaccine that prompts the body to make antibodies) contained in regular flu shots. The additional antigen is intended to create a stronger immune response (more antibodies) in the person getting the vaccine; that is why it is intended for those over 65 years of age.

Fluzone High-Dose vaccine, like standard-dose vaccine, will not protect from all types of flu. Protection is only for the flu types contained in the vaccine. To receive protection from the flu it is recommended to get a flu shot every year.

Fluzone High-Dose is approved for use in people 65 years of age and older. As with all flu vaccines, Fluzone High-Dose is not recommended for people with a severe allergy to chicken eggs, or people who have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.

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The Health Department will provide Fluzone High Dose vaccine at the following locations. Residents should call the senior center to make an appointment.

2011 HIGH DOSE FLU VACCINATION SCHEDULE

Encore Experiences – Harleysville

312 Alumni Avenue

215-256-6900

Thursday, September 22, from 9:45 AM to 1:00 PM

www.encoreexperiences.org

Montco SAAC – Norristown, PA

536 George St.

610-275-1960

Tuesday, September 20, from 9:45AM to 12:45 PM

www.montcosaac.com

Pottstown Area Senior Center

724 North Adams Street

Phone (610) 323-5009

Friday, September 23, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

www.greaterpasc.com

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