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Flu vaccines still available from Public Health Office

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NEW BRAUNFELS — It's not too late for Comal County residents to get their flu shots, which are available at the county's Public Health Office.

Vaccinations against the influenza virus are effective through the end of flu season, which can last through May, said Gwen Mills, Comal County director of Public Health.

“Last year, the highest number of cases in our area didn't occur until February, March and April,” Mills said. “So even though it's started getting cold and feels more like winter, it's not too late to protect you and your loved ones from the flu.”

Influenza sickens millions, hospitalizes hundreds of thousands, and kills thousands of people every year. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone at least 6 months old. This year, the CDC is not recommending a nasal-spray form of vaccine because of concerns about effectiveness.

The Comal County Public Health Office offers flu shots by appointment. It takes cash, CHIP, Medicaid, Medicare Traditional Part B and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Call 830-221-1150 for cost information and to set up an appointment.

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