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Flu shots available for National Influenza Vaccination Week

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NEW BRAUNFELS — This week is National Influenza Vaccination Week, and the Comal County Office of Public Health is using the occasion to remind residents that flu shots are still available.

Cases of influenza have begun to rise, with 53 confirmed cases over the two-week period ending Nov. 25, compared with 33 over the previous two weeks. Overall, Comal County saw more than 377 cases of flu or flu-like symptoms in November, nearly three times as many as in October.

“There’s still time to get your flu shot and protect yourself and your family this flu season,” said Director of Public Health Cheryl Fraser.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention established National Influenza Vaccination Week in 2005 to raise awareness about the importance of flu vaccination, even after the end of November.

The peak of last year’s flu season occurred in February, Fraser said.

“An annual flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu,” she said. “The CDC recommends that everyone over 6 months old receive a flu vaccine from a licensed medical professional.”

The Office of Public Health accepts Medicaid and Community First CHIP for children age 18 and younger, and Blue Cross Blue Shield for all ages. The cost of a shot for someone without insurance coverage is just \$35.

Residents can call 830-221-1150 to make an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome. The office is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. at 1297 Church Hill Drive, New Braunfels.

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