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**Colusa County Hosting Free
Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic and Narcan Giveaway Event**

(COLUSA, CA) October 09, 2023 – Earlier today, Colusa County announced hosting a free Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic and Naloxone (Narcan) Giveaway Event (Community Clinic). The Community Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th from 11am – 3pm at the Colusa County Fairgrounds. Colusa County residents are encouraged to utilize this opportunity to get their free flu shot and to stock their emergency medical kits with life-saving Narcan.

Colusa County Public Health will be providing free flu shots to all individuals ages 12 years and older (children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian). Residents are encouraged to wear clothing that quickly bares the upper arm, and urges anyone feeling ill to avoid attending the Community Clinic.

In addition to providing flu shots, Colusa County Behavioral Health is also providing two (2) free doses of Narcan to eligible residents. Narcan is an over-the-counter nasal spray that reverses an opioid overdose by blocking the effects of opiates on the brain and restoring breathing. Last month, the Colusa County Board of Supervisors adopted a Proclamation declaring October 2023 as Opioid Awareness Month in Colusa County. To support the Proclamation, Colusa County Behavioral Health is launching a “Narcan Saves Lives” campaign to coincide with Opioid Awareness Month, and will be providing outreach, education, and resources to the Colusa County community.

“The opioid epidemic has claimed the lives of at least four Colusa County residents within the last 24-months, and the amount of fentanyl seized by the Colusa County Sheriff’s Office could kill the entire Colusa County population 17 times over,” said Jennifer McAllister, Clinical Program Manager for Colusa County Behavioral Health. *“We encourage residents to include Narcan in their emergency medical kits as a precautionary measure.”*

Flu Shot Benefits

- Flu shots can keep you from getting sick from flu. Protecting yourself from flu also protects the people around you who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness.
- Flu shots can help protect people who are at greater risk of getting seriously ill from flu, like older adults, people with chronic health conditions and young children (especially infants younger than 6 months old who are too young to get vaccinated).
- Flu shots also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Flu shots can reduce the risk of more serious flu outcomes, like hospitalizations and deaths.

2023 Drive-Thru Flu Clinic

October 25, 2023 (Wednesday)

11am – 3pm

Colusa County Fairgrounds

1303 10th Street

Colusa, CA 95932

Details on the 2023 Drive-Thru Flu Clinic can be accessed [here](#).

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