



FREE Flu Vaccine Options for Enrolled Veterans Through End of Flu Season

2021-2022 Flu Season

Getting your annual flu shot is more important than ever this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A flu shot is a safe way to help protect yourself, and those around you, from getting sick and having complications from the flu.

Two Easy Options Are Available

During scheduled appointments with your provider: If you have an upcoming appointment with your provider at any primary care, behavioral health or specialty clinic, you can receive your flu shot while in clinic. (Appointments cannot be made for a flu shot alone).

Community Care Network: Veterans enrolled in VA health care can also get a FREE flu shot on a walk-in basis at any in-network **retail pharmacy** or **urgent care clinic** in the VA's Community Care Network. Community care flu shots are available to eligible Veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system **AND** who have received care at either a VA facility or a VA-referred community provider within the past 24 months. Veterans can receive a flu shot without prior authorization.

To check your eligibility, Veterans can:

- Call 800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411), select option 1 (urgent care information), then select option 3 (urgent care information), and then option 1 again (to check urgent care eligibility). *NOTE: The system will check your eligibility for the community urgent care benefit, which includes the flu vaccine.*
- Contact your local VA medical facility.

To locate a Community Care site: Use the [Online VA Facility Locator Tool](#).

It is helpful to call ahead to make sure the provider offers the flu vaccine through the benefit.

When you arrive for your flu vaccine:

- Tell staff that you are a Veteran enrolled in VA health care and would like to get a flu shot paid for by the VA.
- Show your VA ID card and the [VA Billing Information Card](#). Print the Billing Information Card (or have it viewable on your mobile device) and take it with you to the provider. The card helps to ensure that community providers know about the VA's program and that no questions or issues with billing arise.

See the VA's Internet Site for Further Information: [Community Care Flu Shots](#).

If You Receive a Flu Shot at Any Community Location:

Please notify your team directly or send a SECURE MESSAGE using [My Health-E-Vet](#) and leave a message which includes your name, last 4 digits of SSN, and the date and location you received the vaccine so your medical record can be updated. **Bringing your vaccine information to your scheduled appointments is always appreciated so your record can be updated.**

EKHCS Flu Shot Information Hotline: Each year, Veterans can call the hotline at **800-574-8387, Ext. 53243**, for announcement of arrival of the flu vaccine, and for updated information on availability of the flu vaccine, including the dates and locations of drive-through clinics (if planned).

**Protect yourself and others – receive your FREE yearly flu vaccine!
At your next scheduled visit, also be sure your pneumonia vaccine is up to date.**