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FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE AT KCHD

*Knox County Health Department will be making flu shots available to all Knox County Residents
Monday, February 14th.*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) has ordered approximately 500 flu shots from the Tennessee Department of Health that will be made available for free Monday, February 14th on a first come, first served basis. The **shots will be available between 8:00am and 3:30pm at the Main Health Department**. The restrictions for who can receive a shot have been released; consequently, any Knox County resident who is over 6 months old can receive the shot.

"We have been given this opportunity to receive more shots and are happy to be able to offer the vaccine to those members of our community who have not been able to get one due to the previous restrictions," stated Mark Jones, KCHD Director. "However, we do still encourage any high risk person who has not received a shot to try to get one at this time."

KCHD officials stress that it is still not too late to get vaccinated. "Typically our flu season won't peak until late February and will last through March," explained Dr. Stephanie Hall, Knox County Public Health Officer. "There is still time for the vaccine to provide protection for the remainder of flu season."

Persons wishing to receive a flu shot are encouraged to call 215-5016 prior to coming to the Main Health Department to ensure that vaccine is still available.

Media Inquiries should be directed to Charity Menefee, KCHD Public Information Officer at 215-5098.

