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Aleda E. Lutz VA and Community Based Outpatient Clinics Announce Flu Shots Now Available for Enrolled Veterans

The Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center would like to share the following information for Veterans to receive their flu vaccine. Veterans receiving a flu vaccine must be enrolled and receiving care from the VA.

Veterans may receive their flu vaccines beginning the week of September 23, 2019:

- Saginaw: Location - Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, 1500 Weiss Street, main lobby
- Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm

This event has been cancelled!!! ~~A special event will also be held at the Aleda E. Lutz VA on October 27, 2019, from Noon – 3:00 p.m. The VA is partnering with the Saginaw County Health Department to hold a Veteran and Family Flu Vaccine Fair whereby Veterans enrolled in VA health care can receive their vaccine from the VA, and family members can receive their vaccine from the Health Department. The event will be held in the main medical center's auditorium, Room 1370.~~

The Health Care Annex in Saginaw and all Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) will offer flu vaccines during the Veterans' scheduled appointments. If you would like to schedule an appointment for a flu vaccine, please contact your CBOC. For fastest service, it is highly recommended to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Veterans may also go to a local Walgreens now through March 31, 2020 and tell them they are enrolled in VA health care, provide their VA Identification Card, and a second form of photo ID. VA will receive information from Walgreens to include in the Veterans electronic Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS). Also, if Veterans have

received their flu vaccine somewhere other than the VA, they need to let their health care team know for documentation in CPRS.

For information about receiving the flu vaccine at the VA or any of the Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout mid to northern Michigan, please call the **VA Flu Hotline at 1-800-406-5143, extension 14507**. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting **vaccinated** each year. Your VA is ready to help you get protected this flu season!

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center, with an additional 8-bed acute medicine and telemetry wing. It provides care to over 36,700 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at www.saginaw.va.gov.

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