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Town of Vernon Hosts Community Drive-thru and Walk-up Flu Vaccination Clinic this Thursday at St. Bernard Church from 2 to 6 p.m.

All are Welcome to Receive a No Cost To You Vaccination Against Influenza

(VERNON, Connecticut) – The Town of Vernon in partnership with Priority Urgent Care of Ellington and Blessed Sacrament Parish will offer a ***No Cost To You*** flu vaccination clinic on **Thursday, October 14th, 2021 from 2 to 6 p.m. at St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon. The clinic is open to everyone.**

People with health insurance will be asked to present their insurance card, but will not be billed beyond what their insurance company pays. Those without insurance will not be charged.

A seasonal flu vaccination can keep you from getting sick with the flu and reduce the severity of influenza if you become ill.

“We are pleased to offer this opportunity for a convenient flu vaccination,” Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne said. “All are welcome to attend our clinic.”

Getting a flu shot is worth considering, said Michael Purcaro, Vernon’s Town Administrator and Emergency and Risk Management Director.

“Over the past eighteen months the public has been acutely focused on protecting themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19,” Purcaro said. “It’s important to not lose sight of other health priorities, such as eating well, exercising regularly, addressing your emotional health, scheduling routine and preventative medical appointments, and keeping up to date on other vaccinations.”

Flu vaccinations are a simple way to help prevent yourself from getting what can become a serious illness, Dr. Daksh Rampal of Priority Urgent Care said.

“The flu is a dangerous illness, especially to the elderly, children and people who have chronic conditions,” Dr. Rampal said. “A seasonal flu shot offers safe and effective protection against illness and is recommended by medical and public health experts.”

The clinic will take place in the St. Bernard Church parking lot. In the event of inclement weather, the clinic will be moved into the church hall.

“As a parish, we are called to serve our community,” said Father Rick Ricard of St. Bernard Church. “We are delighted to offer our church facilities to help with this important community service and public health initiative.”

For more information about the influenza vaccine, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/flushot.htm>

About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit www.vernon-ct.gov.

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