

Flu vaccinations available next fall



By George Miller

Students should be able to be vaccinated against swine flu when they return to school in the fall, said Dr. Kenneth Hubble, University Health Center director.

President Gerald Ford Saturday signed a bill appropriating \$135 million to develop the vaccine and immunize every American, if possible. Ford requested the bill to prevent an epidemic of the flu strain which has claimed at least one person's life.

Hubble said the vaccine will be offered at the health center soon after fall semester begins. He said persons should be inoculated six to eight weeks before the flu season, which starts when cold weather sets in.

Hubble said the vaccine will be offered to students "at cost," which means they probably will have to pay \$3 for a vaccination.

He warned, however, that not everyone should be inoculated with the vaccine. He said persons with severe allergies should not be vaccinated.

Transmitted from pigs

Persons who are allergic to eggs would suffer severe reaction from the vaccine, Hubble said.

The swine flu strain was transmitted to humans from pigs, Hubble said, thus giving the flu its name.

He said symptoms of the flu, which is a strain of in-

fluenza, are fever, exhaustion and chills, which may be accompanied by respiratory trouble and body aches.

Hubble said the health center will start a publicity campaign encouraging students to be vaccinated in fall.

Dr. Henry Smith, director of the State Board of Health, said the flu was the confirmed cause of one death at Fort Dix, N.J. last winter, and the suspected cause of another death at Fort Dix.

Smith said the board Monday endorsed the national program, opening the way for statewide distribution of the vaccine. The federal government will underwrite the total cost of developing the vaccine, he said, adding that \$26 million of the \$135 million appropriated will go to states to implement the vaccine program.

Doctor's fee

This amounts to 13 cents a person for implementation, Smith said, terming it "a little deficient."

He said there apparently is discussion of Congress passing a supplementary appropriation bill to provide more funds for the program's implementation.

Smith said the board will work with different organizations and local groups to vaccinate everyone in the state.

He said persons vaccinated by a private doctor probably will have to pay a doctor's fee for the vaccine, but would not have to buy the drug itself. He said persons vaccinated during public inoculation drives probably would not have to pay anything.

Smith said a logistics problem exists in vaccinating Nebraskans in the 70 to 80 days between the vaccine's arrival at the end of this summer and the time cold weather arrives.

An information campaign will be started to tell persons how they can be vaccinated, he said.

Finals library hours set

Starting April 26, hours at two UNL libraries will be expanded, and the study area on the second floor of Nebraska Hall will be open 24-hours daily.

Love Library on City Campus and C.Y. Thompson Library on East Campus will stay open until midnight weeknights and until 5 p.m. weekends. The extended hours remain in effect until the end of final exam week.

The schedule for the two libraries:

April 26 to 29	7:30 a.m. to midnight
April 30	7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
May 1	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
May 2	1:30 p.m. to midnight
May 3 to 6	7:30 a.m. to midnight
May 7	7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
May 8	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 6 will be the last all-night session at the Nebraska Hall study area.

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