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Vaccinations begin Nov. 1

Mass swine flu immunization clinics will be conducted on the UNL campus during the week of Nov. 1.

The clinics for the UNL community will be conducted by the University Health Center (UHC) and the State Health Dept.

There will be two types of clinics, those for high risk persons (those 45 years old or older or those with chornic illness) and those for persons between the ages of 18 and 45, not included in the high risk population.

The times and locations of high risk clinics are: Tuesday, Nov. 2, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Ballroom, and Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the East Campus Student Activities Bldg.

The times and locations of clinics for anyone not in the high risk population are: Monday, Nov. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Harper-Schramm-Smith Food Service Bldg.; from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Selleck Quadrangle dining room; and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the East Campus Student Activities Bldg.

Tuesday, Nov. 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Abel residence hall north main lounge.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. in the Cather-Pound-Neihardt south dining room.

Sunday, Nov. 7, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Ballroom and the East Campus Student Activities Bldg.

All persons receiving the vaccine must present a signed informed consent form (printed in this issue of the Daily Nebraskan and available at UHC).

Students under age 19 will need the signature of a parent or guardian.

A person with an allergy to eggs should not receive the vaccine in public immunization clinics. The person's private physician should be consulted regarding immunization. Editor's note: The following are the contents of a pamphlet that will be distributed to students before the administration of the swine flu vaccine. Because of federal malpractice insurance covering the flu inoculations, all participants are required to read this information.

Information from the U.S. Public Health Service about swine flu and Victoria flu vaccines:

You probably have hear a good deal about swine flu and swine flu vaccine. You may know, for example, that swine flu caused an outbreak of several hundred cases at Ft. Dix, N.J., early in 1976-and that before then swine flu had not caused outbreaks among people since the 1920s.

These vaccines have been field tested and shown to produce very few side effects. Some people who receive the vaccine had fever and soreness during the first day or two after vaccination.

Many people ask questions about flu vaccination during pregnancy. An advisory committee of the Public Health Service examined this question and reported that "women who are pregnant should be considered as having essentially the same balance of benefits and risks regarding influenza vaccination and influenza as the general population."

As indicated, some individuals will develop fever and someness after vaccination. If you have more severe symptoms or a fever that lasts longer than a couple of days after vaccination, consult your doctor or a health worker.

While there is no reason to expect more serious reactions to this flu vaccination, persons who believe they have been injured by this vaccination may have a claim. The Congress recently passed a law providing that such claims, with certain exceptions, may be filed only against the United States government.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SWINE INFLUENZA (FLU) VACCINE (MONOVALENT)

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The Disease

Influenza (flu) is caused by viruses. When people get flu they may have fever, chills, headache, dry cough or muscle aches. Illness may last several days or a week or more, and complete recovery is usual. However, complications may lead to pneumonia or death in some people. For the elderly and people with diabetes or heart, lung, or kidney diseases, flu may be especially serious.

It is unlikely that you have adequate natural protection against swine flu, since it has not caused widespread human outbreaks in 45 years.

The Vaccine

The vaccine will not give you flu because it is made from killed viruses. Today's flu vaccines cause fewer side effects than those used in the past. In contrast with some other vaccines, flu vaccine can be taken safely during pregnancy.

One shot will protect most people from swine flu during the next flu season; however, either a second shot or a different dosage may be required for persons under age 25. If you are under 25 and a notice regarding such information is not attached, this information will be provided to you wherever you receive the vaccine.

Possible Vaccine Side Effects

Most people will have no side effects from the vaccine. However, tendemess at the site of the shot may occur and last for several days. Some people will also have fever, chills, headache, or muscle aches within the first 48 hours.

Special Precautions

As with any vaccine or drug, the possibility of severe or potentially fatal reactions exists. However, flu vaccine has rarely been associated with severe or fatal reactions. In some instances people receiving vaccine have had allergic reactions. You should note very carefully the following precautions:

- O Children under a certain age should not routinely receive flu vaccine. Please ask about age limitations if this information is not attached.
- People with known allergy to eggs should receive the vaccine only under special medical supervision.
- People with fever should delay getting vaccinated until the fever is gone.
- People who have received another type of vaccine in the past 14 days should consult a physician before taking the flu vaccine.

If you have any questions about flu or flu vaccine, please ask.

REGISTRATION FORM

I have read the above statement about swine flu, the vaccine, and the special precautions. I have had an opportunity to ask questions, including questions regarding vaccination recommendations for persons under age 25, and understand the benefits and risks of flu vaccination. I request that it be given to me or to the person named below of whom I am the parent or guardian.

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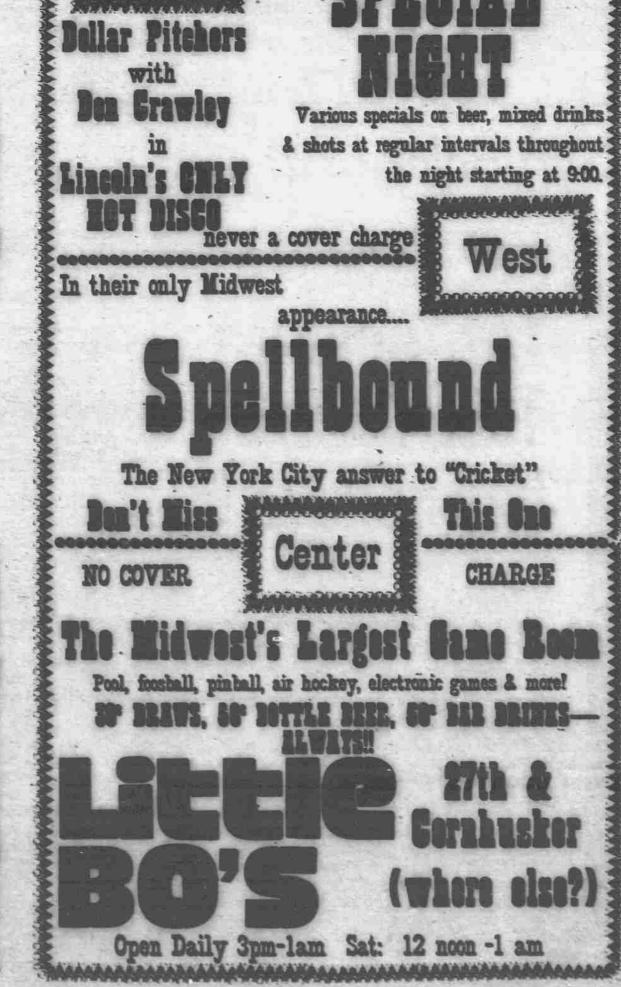
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