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# News Release

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## VA Announces Seasonal Flu Shot Schedule

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Black Hills Health Care System will be offering walk-in seasonal flu shots for enrolled Veterans through special immunization clinics at the following locations and dates:

- Fort Meade VA Medical Center – **September 14 and September 16**  
8:00am–3:30pm Building 145, Room 108
- Hot Springs VA Medical Center – **Beginning September 7**  
Mon–Fri, 8:30am–3:00pm through Primary Care  
After hours and weekends in Urgent Care (could expect wait times during these hours)
- Rapid City VA Clinic – **September 21 and September 23**  
7:30am-6:00pm check in at front desk.

**No appointments are necessary; veterans are asked to bring their VA identification card.** Veterans who have an upcoming appointment with their primary care provider may receive their flu shot at the time of their appointment.

VA Black Hills is also offering flu shots to enrolled veterans through its upcoming rural health clinics:

- Gordon, NE Clinic – **September 24**, 11:00am-4:00pm
- Alliance, NE Clinic – **September 17**, 8:00am-4:00pm
- Scottsbluff, NE Clinic – **September 21**, Noon-5:00pm and **September 22 & 23**, 8:00am-5:00pm
- Pine Ridge, SD Clinic – **September 17**, 9:30am-3:00pm
- Newcastle, WY Clinic – **September 23**, 9:30am-3:00pm

VA Black Hills Veterans who receive their care through the Linn Medical Clinic in Pierre, the Avera Medical Clinic in Winner, the Mission Clinic or Prairie Community Health Clinics in Isabel, Eagle Butte and Faith should call their provider to schedule a vaccination.

VA Black Hills Health Care System encourages all Veterans to receive a seasonal flu vaccine this year. One seasonal flu vaccine will cover you throughout the flu season. As you know, there is also the potential for an increase in the outbreak of the H1N1 (swine) flu. The U.S. government is working with manufacturers to develop a vaccine for the 2009 novel H1N1 (swine) flu. VA Black Hills Health Care System will keep you informed as this vaccine is developed, tested and approved for release.

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