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**DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TO HOLD FLU SHOT CLINIC
AT COURTHOUSE AS PART OF NATIONAL INITIATIVE**

On Election Day 2008, people who drop off their ballot at the Douglas County Courthouse in Roseburg will find that they can do more than vote—they can also get a flu shot. Douglas County Public Health is holding a flu shot clinic inside the main entrance of the Courthouse from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM as part of a nationwide program to help improve the health of all Americans.

Douglas County Public Health is one of a growing number of health organizations across the country participating in *Vote & Vax*, and the first in Oregon to participate. "This is a great opportunity for everyone to conveniently receive a flu shot while also voting," says Peggy Kennerly, Health Administrator. Voting is not a requirement to receive a flu shot at the *Vote & Vax* clinic.

"Election Day represents a good opportunity for the Public Health Department to make contact with a large cross section of the community," said Barbara Nielsen, County Clerk. "The Public Health Department could expect to vaccinate many people who may otherwise not be reached." During the May 2008 election 1,944 persons walked in their ballot to the Courthouse on Election Day.

Flu shots are \$30.00. Pneumonia shots are \$45.00. Medicare Part B, Medicare Part B Managed Care, Pacific Source, Oregon Health Plan, or cash/check will be accepted.

Children ages 6 months through 18 years of age may qualify for a flu shot for \$15.00 if they are on Oregon Health Plan, have no insurance, are American Indian/Alaskan native, are unable to afford co-pays and deductibles, or their insurance does not cover flu shots.

Flu shots are also available on a walk-in basis during regularly scheduled immunization clinic hours. For clinic schedules, visit www.co.douglas.or.us/health/PH/immunization.asp or call 541-440-3500.

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