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NEWS RELEASE

Health Department and Punta Gorda Fire Department host Drive-Thru Flu Shots

Port Charlotte (FL) – Charlotte County Health Department in partnership with Punta Gorda Fire Department will be offering drive-thru flu shots for adults on Saturday October 9, 2010 from 9 AM – 12 PM at the Punta Gorda Fire Station at 1410 Tamiami Trail. The drive-thru is a convenient way to protect you and your loved ones without even getting out of your car. Each year, over 36,000 people in the U.S. die because of the flu — most are 65 or older. More people die from the flu than from any other vaccine-preventable disease. The flu vaccine is \$25.00. Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check, and Medicare. We are unable to accept Medicare HMOs at this time and cannot accept Visa and Mastercard at the drive-thru. Pneumonia vaccinations will be available for \$50.00. The free flu vaccine (VFC) for children is not available at this time.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months and older get a 2010-2011 seasonal flu shot. The seasonal flu vaccine contains protection against an H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus, and the 2009 H1N1 virus.

For additional information including flu prevention and forms to expedite your visit, please visit the CCHD Web site at www.charlottechd.com.

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