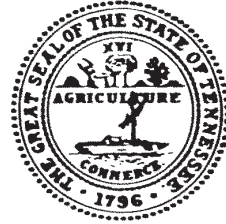




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River Park offers free swine flu vaccine

Flu shots
recommended



The Centers for Disease Control is recommending the H1N1 vaccine as a way to prevent the spread of swine flu

Over 2,500 doses available Monday thru Thursday

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Anyone who would like to receive the swine flu vaccine will likely have that chance this week as River Park Hospital has announced an H1N1 flu clinic this Monday thru Thursday.

The hospital has over 2,500 doses available, according to marketing director Claudia Hall. There is no charge for the vaccine.

"These were given to us by the government so we're offering them for free," said Hall. "We could have charged a small fee for all the time it's going to take to administer the shots, but our nurses and staff

members are going to be donating the time to do it so there won't be a charge."

Hall says four nurses at a time will be giving the shots in an attempt to speed people through as quickly as possible. Anyone who would like a shot should come to the hospital lobby on their designated day and they will be directed where to go.

The swine flu shots will be offered at the following times to the following groups:

- Monday – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open to health care workers and pregnant women.
- Tuesday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open to parents, caregivers of children, and children 6 months to 18 years
- Wednesday – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. High-risk adults and adults age 18 to 45
- Thursday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open to everyone.

"I expect us to be very busy," said Hall.