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KCHD resumes #WeCanForLeeann campaign

Effort created to promote flu vaccination in memory of beloved wife, mother

Knoxville, Tenn.— The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) has resumed its annual #WeCanForLeeann Campaign aimed at promoting flu vaccination. In 2014, Don Samples tragically lost his wife of 22 years to the flu. After Leeann's death, he sought to honor her memory by encouraging friends, family and the community to do the one thing she didn't – get a flu vaccine.

The community is encouraged to post a photo on social media after getting the flu vaccine with the hashtag #WeCanForLeeann. More information, including a short film about Don and Leeann, as well as the annual campaign is available at https://knoxcounty.org/health/WeCanForLeeann/.

The Knox County Health Department urges everyone to make plans to get vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19 in order to keep themselves and their loved ones safe and healthy. KCHD is currently offering flu shot, flu mist and high-dose flu vaccine at the Main, West, and Teague locations.

KCHD will vaccinate insured and uninsured adults and children against the flu at no cost to the patient, although insurance information will be requested, if available.

KCHD is also offering high-dose flu vaccine at the Knox County Senior Centers during its COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinics. It's safe to get both the COVID and flu vaccine during the same visit.

Upcoming Community Vaccine Clinics with high-dose flu vaccine include:

- October 27: Carter Senior Center from 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m.
 - o 9036 Asheville Hwy
- October 27: Corryton Senior Center from 1:30 p.m. 3 p.m.
 - o 9331 Davis Dr
- October 28: South Knoxville Senior Center from 1 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
 - o 6729 Martel Ln

About Knox County Health Department

The first health department in Tennessee to achieve national voluntary accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is dedicated to ensuring the conditions in which every resident can be healthy. As a chief health strategist for the community and with more than 240 team members, KCHD's broad scope of work includes convening partners to improve community health, identifying community health threats, investigating disease outbreaks, conducting extensive outreach and education, preparing for public health emergencies, providing and connecting the public with medical care, enforcing food safety and air quality laws, and more. For more information, visit www.knoxcounty.org/health.

