

Dear Veteran:

Flu season is here again, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Walgreens\* are teaming up to make it easier than ever for you to stay healthy. Now, protecting your health with an annual flu shot is as close as your local VA health care clinic or neighborhood Walgreens! Here's where you can get your flu shot:

- **VA medical centers and clinics**, as always, provide **free** flu shots during any scheduled VA appointment or at one of the walk-in flu stations. To learn more, contact your VA health care facility.
- **Walgreens will also offer eligible Veterans, enrolled in the VA health care system, no-cost flu shots<sup>1</sup> from August 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016.** Once you get your flu shot, Walgreens will safely and securely transmit the record of your flu shot to your VA electronic health record. It's a convenient option just for you. When you visit Walgreens for your flu shot, simply tell your Walgreens<sup>2</sup> health care professional that you are a Veteran patient enrolled in the VA health care system, and show your VA ID card, a second form of photo ID, and this letter. Walgreens will take it from there. For store locations and hours, go to [www.Walgreens.com](http://www.Walgreens.com) and select Store Locator. After March 31, 2016, applicable charges to third party insurance may apply. Walgreens also accepts cash for flu shots.
- **Other non-VA providers and pharmacies<sup>2</sup>** are also options, and some employers provide flu shots. They're offered at health fairs and local clinics or events, too. There may be a charge for your flu shot at these locations. If you choose this option, please get a written record of your vaccination to give to your VA health care provider.

Influenza, or flu, is a contagious virus that spreads through coughing or sneezing, and is related to thousands of hospitalizations and deaths every year. Getting immunized is the single best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from getting sick this flu season.

VA's partnership with Walgreens is just one way we're making it easier and faster for you to get immunized — and stay healthy. Now that's seamless service and better access!

Sincerely,  
Your VA Health Care Team

**ATTENTION VETERAN: Please bring this letter with you if you choose to participate in the VA Retail Immunization Care Coordination Program at a local Walgreens between August 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016 to get your no-cost Flu Shot.**

**ATTENTION WALGREENS PROVIDERS:**

**Plan ID: IMZ** Recipient Number: Please use patient's social security number.

***Please verify the patient is enrolled in the VA health care system by asking for the VA ID Card***  
**Group Number: 5933XBAYV**

<sup>1</sup> Vaccine subject to availability. State-, age- and health-related restrictions may apply.

<sup>2</sup>If your local retail pharmacy is not participating in the VA Retail Immunization Care Coordination Program, it may participate in the future as the program expands.

\* References to Walgreens or other non-VA pharmacies do not constitute or imply VA endorsement of these companies, their services, or products