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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Sedgwick County Health Department Special Flu Shot Clinic**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department will hold a special flu shot clinic for "high risk" individuals on Wednesday, December 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the main Sedgwick County Health Department Auditorium, 1900 E. Ninth. Flu shots will be \$15.

"With the increased concern about the flu this year, we are glad that we can provide flu shots to those most at risk," said Sedgwick County Commissioner Tim Norton. "The Sedgwick County Health Department is a great resource to all Sedgwick County residents."

The Sedgwick County Health Department has provided nearly 14,000 flu vaccines this season. Despite shortages throughout the nation, the Sedgwick County Health Department still has a substantial number of doses remaining, nearly 4,000 vaccines. However, because of increased demand from the public and limited availability of the vaccine, Sedgwick County will limit immunizations to those considered high risk:

- 6 months to 23 months of age
- Individuals who are 50 and older

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- Individuals in nursing homes
- Individuals with a chronic illness or a weakened immune system
- Children/teenagers on long-term aspirin therapy
- Women in their second or third trimester of pregnancy
- Health care workers, family members or anyone coming in close contact with people at risk.

The Sedgwick County Health department also suggests that everyone follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations during the flu season:

- Wash hands frequently
- Cover your mouth when you cough and sneeze
- Stay healthy and eat well
- Get plenty of rest
- Stay home when you are ill, to avoid spreading the virus

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