



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## Town of Vernon Encourages Flu Vaccinations

*Flu Shot Clinics Available Twice Weekly at Drive-Thru and Walk-Up Clinics in Vernon*

Flu shots will be available beginning Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at the Town of Vernon's two COVID-19 drive-thru and walk-up testing sites. The services are offered in partnership with Priority Urgent Care of Ellington. Flu shots are available to people ages 4 and older.

"When we began COVID-19 testing, our goal was to offer a safe and accessible way for area residents to get tested," Vernon Mayor Daniel A. Champagne said. "Building on that success and with flu season approaching, this is a natural next step. Providing easy access to flu shots is the right thing to do to help keep our community healthy and safe."

Testing for COVID-19 infection and antibodies continues and is available to anyone, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. Flu shots are covered by most health insurance. For people who do not have insurance there is a nominal fee for the flu shot. Pre-screening is recommended for all services and people are asked to call Priority Urgent Care at 860-454-0678. Testing and flu shots are available as follows:

#### **Every Tuesday**                      **St. Bernard's Church | 25 St. Bernard's Terrace**

Drive-Thru Only                      9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Walk-Up Only                        10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### **Every Thursday**                      **Vernon Senior Center | 135 Bolton Road**

Drive-Thru Only                      9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

"Getting a flu shot is all the more important in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic," said Michael J. Purcaro, Vernon's Town Administrator and Director of Emergency and Risk Management. "Health officials have long recommended getting a seasonal flu shot because it offers safe and effective protection against illness."

"The flu is especially dangerous to the elderly, children and people who are sick," said Dr. Daksh Rampal, M.D., Medical Director and Co-founder of Priority Urgent Care.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) highly recommends getting a flu shot to help protect people who are not able to get a vaccination and to preserve potentially scarce medical resources as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

For more information about the flu shot, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/flushot.htm>

### **About the Town of Vernon**

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and well-being of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Recently designated as a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870-3670 or visit [www.vernon-ct.gov](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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