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NEWS RELEASE

TO: Area Media Outlets

FROM: Tracy Metcalfe

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RE: 2013 Fall Flu Vaccination Clinic

RUN: Immediate Release

The Bay County Health Department will hold the following community flu vaccination clinics for the public in the

Bay County Health Department:

1. October 25, 2013 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 3. November 20, 2013 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

2. November 13, 2013 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bay County Community Center 800 J.F. Kennedy Dr.

- November 5, 2013
 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- CDC recommends that everyone six months of age and older receive the flu vaccine.
- Flu is a respiratory infection that peaks between October and March. The vaccine provides protection that will last throughout the entire Flu season.
- Some people, such as young children, pregnant women and older adults, especially those with certain health conditions are at high risk for complications from the Flu.
- You may not be considered at high risk for complications from the flu, however if you have contact with
 young children or older adults you may want to consider receiving the flu vaccine to protect you, so that
 you do not pass the flu onto them, especially infants 6 months and younger and others who are not
 eligible to receive the flu vaccine.
- Bay County's flu vaccine for adults will protect you from 4 Flu strains that are circulating this year.

Those allergic to chicken eggs, have experienced an allergic reaction to flu vaccines in the past, or who have had Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) should talk with their doctor about other ways to prevent getting the flu. If you are ill with a fever (i.e. a temperature of 100°) you should wait until your symptoms pass to get vaccinated.

WHAT TO BRING: All medical health insurance cards including Medicare, Medicaid, & private insurance. Driver's license or Michigan ID. If you do not have health insurance, the cost of the vaccine is \$25.00. Cost may be determined based on income.

Please wear a short sleeve shirt.

Please call Bay County Health Department at 895-4009 ext. 2, or visit the website at www.baycounty-mi.gov/health for updated information.