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WHAT: OMC Schedules Walk-in Seasonal Flu Clinic
WHERE: Olmsted Medical Center—Rochester Southeast
WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011—7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
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OLMSTED MEDICAL CENTER URGES ALL ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SEASONAL FLU VACCINE

Rochester, Minn.—Influenza is the sixth leading cause of death in US adults and causes more than 250,000 hospital admissions each year. However, there is a seasonal vaccine—and Olmsted Medical Center (OMC) will make it available at a public walk-in clinic on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, at OMC's Rochester Southeast clinic (210 Ninth Street SE), from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Vaccinations given at this clinic will cost only \$25 (payment required at time of service). OMC will process Medicare and Medicaid claims for eligible recipients receiving vaccines at this clinic. **This clinic is open to children ages nine and older.**

Eligible vaccine recipients unable to attend this clinic can also get seasonal flu immunizations by walking in to either OMC FastCare clinic in Rochester Shopko stores or scheduling a seasonal flu vaccination visit by calling 507.288.3443 or any branch clinic. Costs for these vaccinations will vary.

Children as young as 6 months may receive the seasonal flu vaccine, but only in consultation with a healthcare provider. To schedule your child's appointment in Rochester, call 507.288.3443 or visit www.olmstedmedicalcenter.org to use our online healthcare services' appointment request form. Or, contact any of OMC's branch clinics: http://www.olmmed.org/locations/branch_clinics.html.

Olmsted Medical Center and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) highly recommend seasonal flu vaccinations for all who can receive them. Seasonal flu vaccines offer critical protection against illness, even when not a perfect match for the year's flu viruses. The Minnesota Department of Health indicates that there is a more-than-adequate supply of seasonal vaccine to meet Minnesota's demand this season.

Olmsted Medical Center (OMC), a not-for-profit organization, has been southeastern Minnesota's hometown healthcare provider since 1949. OMC's 144 clinicians and more than 1,000 healthcare professionals serve at 16 locations, including a multi-specialty clinic, a 61-bed Level IV trauma hospital with walk-in urgent care and 24-hour emergency room, two FastCare retail clinics in Rochester Shopko stores, and 10 community branch clinics. OMC has more than 20 specialties and is best known for its convenient, quality personal primary care.

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