



Talking Tazewell

HealthWorks Hello

FLU VACCINE

With the flu season just around the corner, please remember to schedule your child's annual flu shot. DCFS requires the flu shot for all youth-in-care 6 months of age and older. The Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD) continues to operate the immunization clinic by appointment only. Health screening and face coverings (for those over age 2) are required. Staff is also monitored with health screenings and are wearing masks. Appointment times are on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8:30-4 and Wednesdays 12-4. Please call 309-929-0294 to schedule. Your child's pediatrician's office is also an excellent place to check for flu shot availability.

WIC

The Tazewell County WIC office continues to operate remotely due to COVID-19. Services are provided telephonically with curbside pick-up. On August 31st IWIC was launched which provides a debit style card instead of paper coupons. WIC participants receive the new debit card during their first required contact with WIC after August 31. If you have any questions or are interested in enrolling in WIC, please call 929-0320.

HealthWorks/YouthCare

HealthWorks of Illinois in Tazewell County has joined with YouthCare to continue medical case management. Inge Flinn will continue to be your HealthWorks medical case manager in Tazewell County. She is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:30-4:30. Desk phone : 309-929-0283, Cell phone: 309-406-2929 and email: iflinn@tchd.net.

YouthCare

The insurance transition for youth-in-care from standard Medicaid to YouthCare occurred on September 1, 2020. Explore the website at ILYouthCare.com. With general questions, call 844-289-2264 or email ILYouthCare@centene.com. Questions about medication coverage, call Envolve Pharmacy Help Desk at 800-678-6237. YouthCare also has a 24/7 nurse advice line at 844-289-2264. Please reach out to them if you have any questions or concerns.

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The CDC has stated that getting the flu vaccine this flu season is **more important than ever**. The CDC recommendation is that everyone 6 months and older get a seasonal flu vaccine each year by the end of October unless medically contraindicated.

A flu vaccine offers the best defense against flu and its potentially serious complications and can reduce the spread of flu to others. Getting vaccinated has been shown to reduce flu illnesses, doctor's visits, missed work and school days and reduce the risk of flu related hospitalizations and death.

CDC.gov