

# Flu shots already available, know your coverage

It may seem that flu season is a long way off, but as the H1N1 flu pandemic of 2009-10 showed, it's important to look ahead and understand your health insurance policy when it comes to preventive measures.

A total of 160 million doses of flu vaccine are being produced for the upcoming flu season, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This year's flu shot will include vaccinations against H1N1, A Perth and A Brisbane strains. The H1N1 vaccination last flu season was a separate shot or two shots in some cases



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There will be many opportunities through health clinics and pharmacies to receive the vaccination in Kansas this year. But before you receive your shot, especially in a clinic setting, you should review the following tips about your health coverage:

• Make sure you have your health insurance I.D. card handy.

out if there are any coverage limitations that apply to the distribution of the medication.

• What is your out-of-network co-payment? If your area is heavily affected by the spread of a flu outbreak, your regular physician may not be able to see you in a timely manner. If you have to go out-of-

network, be aware you will have to pay a higher co-payment for your office visit and possibly any tests run during the visit.

• Know which pharmacies accept your insurance coverage.

• Know if your policy requires preauthorization from your insurance company before you are admitted to a hospital.

• Make sure you have contact details for your health insurance company available in case you have questions.

• If you have plans to travel, check to see if there are any doctors or medical facilities in-network where

you will be visiting. If not, be aware of your policy's out-of-network coverage provisions.

With business insurance considerations, widespread absenteeism in a flu pandemic may not be covered under a company's business interruption insurance because that insurance normally covers only property loss. However, workers' compensation might be affected. Business owners are encouraged to check with their agents or companies regarding their coverage limitations.

The Kansas Insurance Department's Consumer Assistance Divi-

sion representatives can answer additional questions about health and business insurance. Call (800) 432-2484 to speak to one of our representatives.

We hope that the upcoming flu season will not cause the concerns of last year's H1N1 outbreak. Kansans can lessen the anxiety by taking time to prepare and gather insurance information before any problem occurs. That personal responsibility in about knowing your policy coverage is important.

## matters of record

### Sherman County Bastille

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

**Aug. 13:** Tammy Bugard, 51, of Shawnee, Okla., arrested by city police for driving while suspended.

**Aug. 17:** Calvin Schmitt, 18, of Wallace, arrested by Wallace County Sheriff's office for contribute to child misconduct.

Omar Salazar, 18, of Goodland, arrested by sheriff deputy for contribute to child misconduct.

Joschua Barrera, 29, of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., arrested by city police on a warrant.

**Aug. 18:** Damen Siruta, 21, of Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for obstructing legal process.

**Aug. 19:** Rolland Tockey, 31, of Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving while suspended, obstruction (2), attempt to flee and elude, bribery, kidnapping and assault on law enforcement officer.

**Aug. 20:** Israel Barrera, 36, of Overland Park, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving while suspended.

**Aug. 21:** Benjamin Foust, 34, of Goodland, arrested by city police for battery.

**Aug. 22:** Jerri Brown, 41, of Colby, arrested by sheriff's deputy on warrant.

**Aug. 23:** Rolando Gonzalez, 19, of Sharon Springs, arrested

by Wallace County Sheriff's office for theft.

Rustin Leiker, 26, of Goodland, arrested by Wallace County Sheriff's office for aggravated assault.

**Aug. 25:** Nicholas Slusher, 22, of Colby, arrested by sheriff's deputy on arrest and detain for probation violation.

Robert Rutherford-Zimmerman, 20, of Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving while suspended (2).

**Aug. 27:** Kenneth Gotfry, 64, of St. Francis, arrested by St. Francis police for theft and identity theft.

**Aug. 28:** Stacey Yarbrough, 28, of Goodland, arrested by city police for battery and disorderly conduct.

Leeanna Windell, 40, of St. Francis, arrested by St. Francis police for criminal damage to property and violation of protection order.

### Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

**Aug. 19** – 6:14 p.m., Highway K-27 and Business U.S. 24, a 2003 Chevrolet driven by John Wellman was driving east on Business U.S. 24 and a 2002 Pontiac driven by Spencer R. Figueroa, was driving west on Business U.S. 24 and was turning left onto K-27. Figueroa did not see Wellman because of the

sun and both vehicles hit in the intersection. Both vehicles had a green light.

### Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**Aug. 17** – 11:23 a.m., 811 E. Business U.S. 24, Apt. 8, Raymond Everett Bowser reported theft.

7:32 p.m., 800 Texas Ave., arrested Joschua Davis Barrera on a warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

**Aug. 19** – 2:02 p.m., 2510 Commerce Rd., Presto Convenience Store reported theft of motor fuel.

**Aug. 20** – 10:41 a.m., 705 E. 13th, Apt. 1, Jerry D. Crawford reported theft and burglary. Case referred to city attorney.

7:52 p.m., 2710 Commerce Rd., 24/7 store reported theft.

**Aug. 21** – 7:50 a.m., 610 W. 10th, arrested Benjamin Michael Foust on battery of a juvenile. Case referred to city attorney.

*(Editor's note: This case was dismissed on Aug. 31 by municipal judge at recommendation of city attorney.)*



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Call the number listed for specific clinic locations.

**The Black Crowes** Tues. Sept. 28, 8pm

**100 Years of Broadway** Fri. Oct. 1, 8pm

**Eric Johnson, Andy McKee, Peppino D'Agostino**  
"The Guitar Masters" Wed. Oct. 6, 7:30pm

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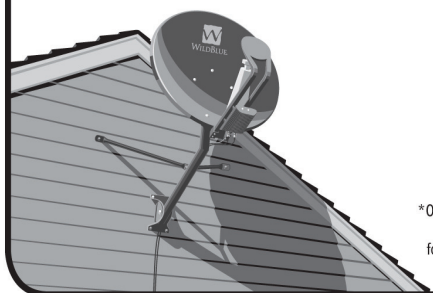


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