





# FLU PREVENTION

## SUMMARY

For the 2014 flu season, the St. Luke's Community Health Department obtained flu vaccines that were paid for from a number of different sources. This vaccine was used to ensure that the bulk of our community was protected against the flu. Additionally, some free flu vaccine clinics in communities where individuals face barriers to receiving health care were also provided.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Received:

- 43 multi vials of vaccine received – all Quadravaliant
- 150 for Rep. Mackenzie's Sr. Fest
- 150 for Rep. Hahn's Sr. Fest
- 100 doses "free" – money to come from St. Luke's Auxiliary Grant applied for
- 30 extra doses to be given at Community Health
- 10 Flu Mists were also received for individuals who come to Community Health yearly for this shot

## SUCCESSES

Out of the 440+ doses:

- 335 vaccines were given through Community Health.
- 10 vaccines were given to Donegan to be given as "free" for their uninsured patients.
- 50 vaccines (5 vials) were transferred to the Easton Special Care Clinic since they were not able to order any this year (vaccine was ordered before clinic opened).
- 40 vaccines (4 vials) transferred to Donegan in November (they needed more and the pharmacy would have had to order more).
- 30 vaccines (3 vials) were transferred to the perinatal clinic. They ran out and the pharmacy was looking for more for them, by this time, we had advertised and still had vaccine left.
- 465 flu vaccines are accounted for.
- 22 of these vaccines were given free (+ 10 doses at Donegan).

## CHALLENGES & NEXT STEPS

- We did not receive the St. Luke's Auxiliary grant to allow us to give 100 vaccines to individuals in need.
- All sites that we gave free vaccines at in previous years were notified that we would not be doing the flu clinics this year. Community Health's phone number was given for those who were truly in need so that they could call and arrangements could be made for them to receive a vaccine.
- Sr. Fest flu clinics were also down a little bit compared to previous years, likely because and it was cold and rainy so not many people showed – or many of them already received a flu vaccine.