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Drive-Through Flu Clinics Start November 2 in South Georgian Bay

Collingwood, Ontario – October 26, 2020 – This fall, the South Georgian Bay community will be able to obtain their flu shot at drive-through, appointment only community clinics, in Collingwood, Creemore, Stayner and Wasaga Beach, commencing November 2, 2020.

The appointment only drive-through clinic in Collingwood will take place in the parking lot behind the **Collingwood Legion** at 490 Ontario Street and in Wasaga Beach at the COVID-19 Assessment Centre, located in the parking lot behind the **RecPlex** at 1724 Mosley Street. Both open November 2 and are available to anyone residing in South Georgian Bay.

In Creemore and Stayner appointment-based drive through clinics are available at the:

Stayner Medical Centre

7477, Hwy 26, Stayner ON
November 5 and 12: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
November 19: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(rostered patients only)

Creemore Medical Office

15 Elizabeth St. Suite 1, Creemore ON
November 5, 6, 12 and 13: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
(rostered patients only)

Additionally, the **South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre** in Wasaga Beach will also be offering regular and high dose flu shots to their clients by appointment only at 14 Ramblewood Dr., Unit #202. Please contact 705-422-1888 to book your flu shot appointment.

For a **full list of drive-through flu clinic locations**, and to book an appointment, please visit www.gbfmt.ca or call 705-444-5885. The 2-1-1 bilingual helpline is also available 24/7 for more information. Additionally, many local pharmacies are also providing pre-scheduled flu shots.

“We are very pleased to offer the South Georgian Bay community timely access to flu shots, in a safe manner, close to home, during this COVID-19 pandemic. This year, more than ever, it’s important to get a flu shot in order to protect yourself, your family and our community, as we all work to avoid any undue stress on our health care system,” says Dr. Harry O’Halloran, Lead Physician, Georgian Bay Family Health Organization.

The drive-through flu shot clinics will offer the regular flu vaccine to anyone 6 months of age, or older. Limited supplies of high dose flu shot are available through your physician’s office, or at some local pharmacies, for those who are 65 and older with certain chronic health conditions.

The [flu shot will not protect against COVID-19](#), but it will help reduce your risk of getting the flu and COVID-19 at the same time. Having both illnesses at the same time can put individuals at a higher risk for severe illness.

For more information on this initiative or to arrange an interview, please contact Lisa van Kolfshoten, Communications Officer, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital at (705) 445-2550 ext. 8307 or vankolfshotenl@cgmh.on.ca.

About the Georgian Bay Family Health Team

The Georgian Bay Family Health Team is a collaborative team of interdisciplinary health care professionals delivering quality health care in a patient-centered environment. For more information, please visit www.gbfht.ca.

About the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital

Collingwood G&M Hospital (CGMH) is a 74 bed hospital located in Collingwood, Ontario (approximately 90 minutes north of Toronto) that serves more than 60,000 permanent residents and 3.5 Million annual visitors to the communities of Wasaga Beach, Collingwood, Clearview and the Blue Mountains. The G&M is an acute care hospital providing emergency care, diagnostic services including lab, imaging and cardio respiratory therapy, as well as two inpatient units (medicine and surgery). In addition, the G&M also provides care in specialty areas including obstetrics, orthopaedics, intensive care and surgery. The Hospital also provides out patient care including dialysis and a wide range of clinics including mental health and rehabilitation services. The G&M continues to provide care close to home for our community and plays a key role as an integrated orthopaedic centre for our region. For more information please visit our website at www.cgmh.on.ca and our Foundation website at www.cgmhf.com.

About the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre

The South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre is a non-profit, community-governed, charitable organization that focuses on the health and wellbeing of individuals in the community. They provide everyone in the community with access to health care services, free community programs and community development. The SGBCHC is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, through the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network. For more information please visit www.southgeorgianbaychc.ca.