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Preliminary Effectiveness of Flu Vaccine 2015-2016

The influenza vaccine has shown to be about 59% effective for preventing clinic visits so far this year; this is up from 23% effectiveness from last year's vaccine. The CDC released the following data:

- 51 percent VE against the H1N1 viruses responsible for most flu illness this season
- 76 percent VE against all influenza B viruses
- 79 percent VE against the B/Yamagata lineage of B viruses

People who have not yet received an influenza vaccine are encouraged to do so. Polk County continues to hold influenza walk in clinics. Most major insurances are accepted- please bring your card. People without health insurance can receive a vaccine for a \$20 fee. Walk-ins are welcome at Polk County Health Department, 1907 Carpenter Ave, 9 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday and Tuesdays until 6:30 pm through the end of flu season.



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