

# Important news from The Chalmers P. Wylie VAOPC-Columbus regarding flu vaccinations

Veterans,

As you know, the shortage of the Influenza (flu) vaccine has been highly publicized. Rest assured, we are proactively taking steps to ensure our patients receive the flu vaccine.

According to the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), 23 percent of the VA supply has been shipped to date as of October 7, 2004 and quantities of the vaccine will continue to arrive over a period of time.

Thanks for your patience and understanding.

**Clinic closed between 12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Priority consideration for the flu vaccine will be given to patients who have the following:**

- Patients 65 and older
- Heart Disease
- Lung Disease
- Diabetic
- Chronic Medical Illness
- Women who will be pregnant during the 2004 flu season
- Adults with spinal cord injury or disease
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)



\*As of October 21, 2004 and until otherwise notified, vaccines will be administered to Veterans who have a scheduled appointment with their health care provider. Upon fulfilling their scheduled appointment, Veterans may request to receive the flu vaccination. In addition, Veterans, by appointment, can visit the following Community Based Outpatient Clinics located in Grove City, Marion, Zanesville, and the alternate Newark care facility to receive a flu vaccination.

*Chalmers P. Wylie VA Outpatient Clinic*  
543 Taylor Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43203  
[www1.va.gov/columbus](http://www1.va.gov/columbus)  
1-888-615-9448

**\*VAOPC-COLUMBUS Flu Clinic**  
**Room 1086**  
**Flu Shots Available With Appointment**  
**October 18 -January 2005**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m**