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Meijer Pharmacists Ready to Offer Expertise and Key Vaccines to Midwest Communities

More adults than ever qualify for the pneumonia and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines



GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 3, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- As autumn approaches, Meijer Pharmacy is reaffirming its commitment to protecting Midwest communities with a robust offering of essential vaccines, headlined by an intensified focus on the seasonal Influenza (flu) vaccine.

Despite being one of the Midwest's most treasured seasons, autumn traditionally brings a spike in respiratory illnesses. Meijer pharmacists are available to help customers navigate their vaccine needs with personalized consultations and expert knowledge. During regular pharmacy hours, both scheduled and walk-in appointments are available, ensuring flexibility and convenience for busy families and individuals.

"We understand our customers want clarity and confidence when it comes to their health decisions," said Jackie Morse, Group Vice President of Pharmacy and Health at Meijer. "Our pharmacists are seasoned professionals, equipped with the latest guidance and committed to helping everyone stay protected."

Meijer is spotlighting the importance of the flu vaccine as the cornerstone of respiratory health, while also making it easier than ever to stay up to date on additional critical vaccines. With recent updates to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, Meijer is now offering the pneumococcal (pneumonia) and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) vaccines to a broader population: eligibility for both vaccines has been lowered to age 50. This change means more adults than ever before may qualify—and benefit from—comprehensive respiratory protection this fall.

- **Flu Vaccine**: Recommended for everyone ages 6 months and older, the updated flu shot helps prevent the spread of influenza, a highly contagious respiratory virus that peaks during the cooler months.
- **Pneumococcal Vaccine**: Now recommended for adults starting at age 50, this shot protects against pneumonia and serious pneumococcal infections that can be particularly harmful during the fall and winter months.
- **RSV Vaccine**: With updated guidelines, adults ages 75 and older are recommended for protection against RSV and in addition, those ages 50-74 that are at risk of severe RSV are eligible. RSV is a common respiratory virus that can lead to serious illness, especially in older adults and those with certain chronic conditions.

With these expanded recommendations, more individuals qualify for key respiratory vaccines—flu, pneumonia, RSV, and COVID when available—making this year's vaccination season more critical than ever.

"As the one-stop shop for health and wellness, Meijer is where you can find not only the vaccines you need, but also the guidance and support our customers are looking for," Morse added. "We invite everyone to talk with our pharmacists about eligibility, to help keep themselves and their loved ones healthy this season."

Similar to filling eligible prescriptions, customers will also earn 500 mPerks points for receiving a vaccination. These points earned can be converted into mPerks rewards.

To make an appointment, please visit the Meijer Pharmacy website, text "vaccine" to 75049 or visit your local Meijer Pharmacy today.

About Meijer: Meijer is a privately owned, family-operated retailer that serves customers at more than 500

supercenters, grocery stores, neighborhood markets, and express locations throughout the Midwest. As the pioneer of the one-stop shopping concept, more than 70,000 Meijer team members work hard to deliver a friendly, seamless in-store and online shopping experience featuring an assortment of fresh foods, high-quality apparel, household essentials, and health and wellness products and services. Meijer is consistently recognized as a Great Place to Work and annually donates at least 6 percent of its profit to strengthen its communities. Additional information on the company can be found by visiting newsroom.meijer.com.

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