

PRESS RELEASE



**Yakima Valley
Farm Workers Clinic**

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Local Clinics Prepare for 2021-22 Flu Season

Yakima Valley Farm Worker Clinics are offering Flu Vaccines

PROSSER- Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is urging everyone to get their flu shot now. We want to make sure you and your family are protected against the flu, especially given the heightened dangers associated with COVID-19.

“It’s especially important to be prepared for flu season this year to help health care systems across the country keep their focus on combating the global pandemic” says Lori Kelley, Senior Director of Quality.

Flu vaccines cause antibodies to develop in the body about two weeks after vaccination. These antibodies protect against infection. Getting the vaccine now is recommended for everyone ages 6 months and older. Preventing the flu is even more important this year, as it can reduce complications in the event of a COVID-19 contagion and reduces the strain on the health care system at large.

Valley Vista Medical Group is now offering flu shots for patients and community members. You do not have to be a patient of these clinics to take advantage of the flu clinic hours. Walk in or make an appointment and get your flu shot for \$20. Below is a list of the dates, times, and locations of flu shot clinics.

Valley Vista Medical Group - (509) 786-2010

820 Memorial Street Suite 1, Prosser, WA 99350

****Offering COVID Vaccine***

Tuesday, October 5, from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 19, from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is one of the Pacific Northwest's largest community health centers, providing medical, dental, behavioral health and social services to more than 171,000 people a year. With more than 60 unique service locations across Oregon (Clatsop, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, and Yamhill counties) and Washington (Benton, Franklin, Spokane, Whitman, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties), we deliver affordable, comprehensive primary care for underserved populations in our communities. We also extend our network of care through our mobile health units and virtual visit technology, bringing essential care to our more remote patients. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic employs over 1,600 staff in addition to our medical and dental residents, administrative fellows, students, and volunteers. All of whom are dedicated to bringing quality care to those in our communities who need it most. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization recognized by HRSA, The Joint Commission, and The National Committee for Quality Assurance for our accomplishments in community health care. For more information, please visit yfwc.com/press.