

**PRESS RELEASE FROM LEGISLATOR  
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**LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN URGES ADULTS TO GET  
SEASONAL FLU SHOTS**

***November 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. –3:00 pm – Half Hollow Hills Community Library  
55 Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills, New York***

**HUNTINGTON, NY** - Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16<sup>th</sup> LD, Chairman of the Veterans & Seniors Committee, is urging all those at high risk of serious influenza and complications and those whose occupations make them likely to spread influenza, to get flu shots. The flu is responsible for an average of 36,000 deaths a year in the United States and all high-risk patients should be immunized. Those who should be immunized include people 65 years and older, residents of long-term care facilities, people with heart, lung, kidney, metabolic disease, asthma and certain blood disorders, people with swallowing disorders, immuno-suppressed persons, pregnant women, caregivers for children 5 and under and doctors, nurses and hospital personnel. The Suffolk County Health Department is offering the flu vaccines at no cost to traditional Medicare enrollees or Medicaid recipients and for \$39.00 for others. Additionally, the Health Department is offering pneumococcal vaccines at no cost for those eligible and at \$55.00 for others. These vaccinations will not provide protection against H1N1 type A influenza. "It is particularly important, not just for seniors, but for all those who are vulnerable to be immunized against the flu. This is a simple precaution that can prevent serious illness and even death," said Legislator Stern.

Please note the following date and location for flu vaccines:

- ***November 30, 2009 from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Half Hollow Hills Community Library, 55 Vanderbilt Pkwy, Dix Hills, NY***

Please bring proof of Suffolk County residence and a check payable to the Suffolk County Health Department. For further information and additional locations and times please visit the Health Department website, [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/health](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/health) or call 853-8405.