

# Health dept. announces flu vaccine clinics

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Health Department (CCHD) is gearing up for its annual drive through flu shot clinics in Coffey County. The drive through clinics are scheduled as follows:

- \* New Strawn – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at Station 8. Consent forms are available at New Strawn City Hall and the New Strawn Branch Library.
- \* LeRoy – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 5 at Station 5. Consent forms can be obtained at the LeRoy Branch Library and LeRoy City Hall.
- \* Gridley – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at Station 4. Consent forms can be obtained at Gridley Branch Library, Gridley City Hall and Roger's Oil Company.
- \* Waverly – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Station 7. Consent forms will be available at Waverly City Hall and Waverly Branch Library.

\* Lebo – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at Station 6. Consent forms can be obtained at Lebo Branch Library and Lebo City Hall.

\* Burlington – Yet to be determined due to ship dates. CCHD will bill Medicare, KanCare and some private insurance companies. Please call the CCHD Office (620) 364-8631 before getting the flu shot to see if the insurance is accepted by CCHD. The insurance card must be presented at the influenza clinic.

CCHD is offering the multi-dose, high dose and flublock flu shots. Without insurance, multidose shots are \$30 and high dose and flublock shots are \$60.

**Vaccine Information**  
Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS) for the vaccines will be available at the Flu Shot Clinic or it can be viewed at the following

web address [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-state-ments/flu.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-state-ments/flu.pdf)

### Drug Take Back

In addition to the drive through influenza vaccination clinics, there will be Drug Take Back boxes at each of the drive through clinics, so the public can drop off unused or expired medications. The Drug Take Back boxes are sponsored by Coffey County Sheriff's Office and Burlington Police Department.



## County has 11 active COVID-19 cases

The Coffey County Health Department, in its weekly COVID-19 update Friday, Sept. 18, confirmed seven new cases of the disease and seven recoveries. The active cases include five males and six females and are all between the ages of 11 and 90, with seven cases over the age of 50 and four under 50. As of the update, the county has 11 active cases and has had 108 total positive cases, eight deaths and 89 recoveries.

### MENUS

**Coffey County**  
Coffey County East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging program congregate meals are available on a grab and go basis at the center Monday through Friday at the Burlington Senior Center (620) 364-2730, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Lebo Senior Center (620) 245-6166, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Waverly Senior Center (785) 733-2603. Meal deliveries will continue as usual. A volunteer and site manager will oversee meal distribution.

**Monday:** BBQ pulled pork, baked potato, mixed vegetables, peaches, wheat bun and milk.

**Tuesday:** Beef taco, Spanish rice, calico corn, shredded lettuce, pineapple, tortilla and milk.

**Wednesday:** Swiss steak, au gratin potatoes, green beans with red peppers, peanut butter bar, wheat roll and milk.

**Thursday:** Meatloaf, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, blueberries, wheat bread and milk.

**Friday:** BBQ pork ribette, three bean salad, macaroni with cheese, pears, hoagie bun and milk.

**Lyon County**  
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**Monday:** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, pineapple, cookie, bread and milk.

**Tuesday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans with onion, fruit cocktail, roll and milk.

**Wednesday:** BBQ meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, lima beans, pears, frosted cake, bread and milk.

Thursday/Friday: menu not available.

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## Can we minister as Christ did?

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During this time of lockdown caused by the coronavirus, I have thought a lot about the idea of ministering to others. In the Bible, we frequently read about ministers and ministering, and of course we have ministers in our churches who engage in the activities of ministering.

But what does "to minister" mean? Merriam-Webster defines the word as "to give aid or service." In the New Testament we find a number of references about how Christ gave aid and served the people. For example, we read how He healed the blind, the leprosy, the lame, the possessed and others. Anyone who had a need of any kind could come to the Savior, and one by one, He would help them.

And Christ did not just minister to His own people, the Jews. In John 4, we read of the Samaritan woman at the well who is astonished that He talks to her at all, "for the Jews," she says, "have no dealings with the Samaritans." (John 4:9) Christ, however, ignores these traditions and begins to teach her about Himself as the Messiah and the living water that He can give her. The woman walks away believing that He is indeed the Messiah and testifies to others that He is. Christ also associated with the publicans who were tax collectors, and as such, hated by the Jews. Many of them sat down with Him to eat and to hear His message of salvation.

Christ reached out to everyone and ministered to all, whether they had physical, social, or spiritual needs and whether they belonged to the accepted group or not. No one was exempt.

As followers of Christ, how can we be like Him and minister to others in ways that are truly helpful to them?

In our church we have had a program of visiting and helping other church members for many years. Everyone who is willing to visit and to help can participate, and with these visits, we reach out to all individuals and families in our congregations. Just recently, our church renamed these activities "ministering." We have since been taught how to minister to others more

effectively. Not only do we make sure that others are taken care of when we minister, but we are also reminded that our ministering serves the purpose of teaching us empathy and Christ-like behavior. We are encouraged to be joyful about our service and not see it as a burden.

I'd like to add that this ministering should not be limited to just our congregations, but should include all people we come in contact with. No matter what church or group or race someone belongs to, we can reach out to everyone. Ministering can include a wide variety of activities. While we cannot make the blind see or the lame walk the way Christ did, we can make sure that members of our church and others not of our church are helped in their time of crisis by providing them with food, companionship, help with chores, and so on.

Ministering can be done within organizations or with a group of people. God's Storehouse is a great example of ministering done by a group because it provides food and other necessities to all who need them.

Many ministering activities occur in individual encounters. The following examples may sound simple,

but we should realize that they all help the individual. We can encourage individuals who might feel left out to be part of our activities by giving them a responsibility. We can remember their birthdays and special holidays. We can go to their children's school activities. We can share a hobby together, sit with the lonely ones in church, talk to them at the store, and maybe take a long walk together. We can also teach them a skill and help them find a job. As their friends, we can, in heartfelt empathy, "rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." (Romans 12:15)

Of course, most of us are already engaging in these activities and often on a daily basis. Maybe we can add a spiritual dimension like reading the scriptures together and looking for specific topics that help us understand the Savior better and how to become more like Him. Maybe we can share our own spiritual beliefs with those of other churches and faiths and listen to them share theirs. This would be enriching for all of us.

The coronavirus has brought special challenges to us, but ministering is now even more important. While we may not always be able to get together the way we have before, we can use the technological means that have been provided for us and contact others in that way.

As I have thought about this type of ministering, I have realized it helps us turn away from ourselves and toward others, just like Christ turned to others. When we do this, we would then be in harmony with Christ's admonition, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." (John 13:34) Yes, we can minister as Christ did.

## From the Bible

Do you not know that those who perform the temple services eat what belongs to the temple, and those who minister at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?  
— Corinthians 9:13

## Hope and assurance

Not long ago I was stopped by a police officer who motioned to me to pull to the side of the street. When I looked up to see what was going on I saw two large trucks coming toward me with a home that had been cut in half and placed on two trailers. The two halves were slowly being moved to a new location where they would be joined together and the home would look the same as it had in the past.

It was almost unnerving as I waited patiently for them to pass by. For years it rested comfortably on a corner across from an elementary school. Soon it would have a new address in a new neighborhood and perhaps new owners.

How things have changed. Years ago people rarely moved from one home to another. There was a cer-

tain permanence in life that brought a sense of security to families. Now, moving from one place to another is a routine part of life that seems to go with the turmoil in the world.

Everywhere we look, we see signs of instability. We awaken each morning wondering what devastating news awaits us. What once was a world that made sense is now a world that longs for the "good old days."

Psalm 93, however, gives comfort to the Christian. It begins with a burst of hope and assurance, a promise of peace and predictability. "The LORD reigns."

And it ends with a reminder of His faithfulness: "Your statues stand firm...for endless days!"

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