**Getting Your Flu Shot!**

The Washington State Department of Health is urging the public to get the flu vaccine this year to keep themselves and others safe and out of the hospital.

Flu activity may be more common this year compared to last year because many adults have returned to in-person work and most children are back in school. People are more active and mobile. As we move through fall and into winter, the increasingly early sunset makes it more likely that you will be walking or biking in the dark. Taking the following precautions can help you move through campus and around town safely at night:

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Get your flu shot this year to keep yourself and others safe and out of the hospital. The flu vaccine is usually free with most insurance plans. Make an appointment now to get your flu vaccine at the exact time. It will help protect you, your family and friends, and your community as State Department of Health. “If you haven’t received your flu vaccine yet, now is the time to get vaccinated.”

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