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FORT WAYNE MAYOR LEADS THE WAY AS NEW "MAKE A DATE TO VACCINATE" CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF TO BOOST ADULT VACCINATION RATES

Super Shot, Inc. and Aging and In-Home Services Partner to Encourage Immunization Among Adults

FORT WAYNE, IN, Sept. 11, 2023- Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry is taking the lead in the fight against preventable diseases by receiving his annual flu shot on September 15, coinciding with the launch of the new "**Make a Date to Vaccinate**" campaign. The campaign is a collaborative effort by Super Shot, Inc. and Aging and In-Home Services that aims to encourage adults, including those with disabilities, to get up to date with their vaccinations.



"Vaccination has a proven track record of reducing illnesses, doctor's visits, and the risk of severe complications," said Connie Heflin, Executive Director of Super Shot, Inc. "Despite the availability of vaccines such as flu, COVID-19, RSV, pneumonia, and shingles, too many Allen County residents remain unvaccinated and at risk for serious illnesses."

Thanks to generous funding from the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS), Aging and In Home Services and Super Shot will promote vaccination awareness and deliver over 1,000 adult vaccinations in Fort Wayne this fall, including a limited supply of free RSV and shingles vaccines.*

"AIHS received a \$1,000,000 grant from USAging to assist and host vaccination clinics throughout northeast Indiana for adults 18 years of age and older as part of the nationwide Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative," said AIHS Vice President, Communications & Resource Development, Megan Clouse. "After receiving the funding, we partnered with numerous community organizations to assist with vaccination clinics."

Super Shot offers adult and child immunizations every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. – Noon at 1515 Hobson Road. To schedule an appointment, please call (260) 424-SHOT (7468) or visit www.supershot.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.

While uninsured/underinsured families are asked to contribute a small administration fee per vaccination to help support Super Shot's program, no one is turned away for an inability to pay. Public

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and commercial insurance are also accepted, and insured patients should bring their insurance information.

Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry emphasizes the collective responsibility to safeguard the community's health. "We all know how important it is to look out for our community's health so everyone can continue their normal daily lives—at home, at work and in school. Vaccinations are an easy way to protect ourselves and those around us," shared Mayor Henry.

About Super Shot, Inc.

Super Shot, Inc. is a local non-profit organization dedicated to promoting vaccination and offering convenient and affordable access to vaccines that protect the Fort Wayne community against preventable diseases. Over the past 30 years, Super Shot has administered more than 800,000 life-saving childhood and adult vaccinations.

About Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana, Inc. (AIHS)

AIHS, a federal and state designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC), is a non-profit community-based organization with a mission to promote dignity, independence, and advocacy for older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers. AIHS has gained national recognition as a community leader transforming the traditional social services model into an integrated care model which bridges health care, behavioral health and community services to better serve vulnerable, at-risk populations.

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