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HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERING FREE FLU SHOT VOUCHERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CVS HEALTH, BANK OF AMERICA

Vouchers can be redeemed at CVS pharmacies or MinuteClinics

(Hartford, CT) – Through a partnership with CVS Health and Bank of America, Hartford Public Library is offering no-cost flu shot vouchers this winter at all of its library locations.

The effort comes as public health officials have warned against a "twindemic" of COVID-19 and influenza and have encouraged residents not to delay in getting their flu shots. Last flu season was uncharacteristically mild in terms of total reported cases, but officials warn that those numbers could rebound this year as coronavirus restrictions including mask requirements and social distancing have been lifted and businesses and schools have reopened.

"We are pleased to partner with CVS Health and Bank of America to provide the community with vouchers for free flu shots this winter," **Hartford Public Library President and CEO Bridget E. Quinn** said. "As we resume in-person programming we want to see all of our customers happy and healthy at the library."

The vouchers can be redeemed at any CVS Pharmacy or MinuteClinic location. Children under 3 must schedule an appointment for their vaccine by calling 1-866-389-2727.

"Supporting flu prevention in underserved communities is so important," said CVS Health Senior Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility and Philanthropy Eileen Howard Boone. "Through our work with Bank of America, we are focusing on expanding our reach to individuals who may not otherwise have access to flu vaccines."

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About Hartford Public Library

Now celebrating its 127th year, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st century. With locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national

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