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Largest Drive-thru Flu Immunization Clinic in the U.S – *Again!* Howard Co. Health Dept. aims to give **5,000** flu shots free of charge.

Columbia, MD – The Howard County Health Department will be holding the Third Annual Drive-thru Flu Immunization Clinic, in conjunction with Community Readiness Week. This year's clinic will be larger than the last, with the addition of another site at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Participants will not have to leave the comfort of their vehicles to be immunized!

This emergency preparedness exercise brings together the resources of multiple County Agencies (Police, Fire, Corrections, Highways, Rec & Parks, and Public Works), volunteer organizations, nursing schools, allied health programs, community volunteers and area businesses. The drill will test the ability of these groups to work together quickly and efficiently in the case of a public health emergency.

- WHO:** Howard County Health Department & Health Officer, Dr. Peter Beilenson
- WHAT:** Third Annual Drive-thru Flu Immunization Clinic
- WHEN:** Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Columbia Gateway Drive Loop (enter Rt. 175 - Fulton & Magellan lots)
and
Howard County Fairgrounds (2210 Fairgrounds Rd, West Friendship, MD)
- WHY:** To immunize 5,000 people at a multi-agency emergency preparedness exercise.

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