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FamilyWize Teams Up with Walgreens, United Way and 211 Tampa Bay Cares to Provide Free Flu Vaccines Ahead of Flu Season

Organizations plan to promote health by delivering nearly 5,000 vaccines to underserved communities across the country, including Pinellas County

Free flu vaccine vouchers will be available by phone order through 211 Tampa Bay Cares

Clearwater, Florida (October 1, 2020) – [FamilyWize](#), the prescription discount service that's helping communities in need, announced today that it is teaming up with Walgreens and United Way to offer free flu vaccinations in communities across the country, including Pinellas County. This partnership reinforces FamilyWize's ongoing commitment to helping people in need access critical medications including the preventative flu vaccine ahead of the cold and flu season.

The free flu vaccine voucher is available to anyone 18 and older who is uninsured or unable to afford the flu vaccine. People can request the voucher by calling 211 from any phone or texting their zip code to 898211 and asking for the free FamilyWize flu vaccine. For qualified individuals, the voucher will be emailed for redemption at a local Walgreens pharmacy. An ID or proof of citizenship are not required to receive a vaccination. Vaccines are subject to availability and state, age and health-related restrictions may apply.

As the United States continues to grapple with COVID-19, access to the flu vaccine is essential to help prevent the spread of this infection. While the flu vaccine does not prevent COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) believes it's likely that both viruses will be spreading at the same time, increasing the importance of receiving a flu vaccination this year.

“This year it’s even more important for people to receive a flu vaccination, in light of the COVID-19 environment,” said Rick Bates, founder and CEO of [RxSense](#), the parent company of FamilyWize. “We are proud to partner with Walgreens and 211 to help people across the country access this vital vaccine during this critical point in our public health.”

For more information on FamilyWize or the flu vaccine program, please visit www.familywize.org, download the FamilyWize app, or call 800-222-2818. People needing additional support or resources can utilize the 211 Tampa Bay Cares network for assistance with rent, utilities, child care, mental health services and much more. Simply CALL 211 from any phone or TEXT your zip code to 898211. Help is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. 211 services are free of charge.

About FamilyWize

FamilyWize is a prescription discount service that helps people in communities in need. Since 2005, FamilyWize has helped millions of Americans lead healthier lives by saving on prescription medications. FamilyWize partners with some of the most respected community groups and health care providers in the country, including United Way Worldwide, National Council for Behavioral Health, Mental Health America, and American Heart Association, among thousands of other community organizations. To use FamilyWize, download our card or mobile app at <https://familywize.org/free-prescription-discount-card>.

About 211

2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in our community such as locating a food pantry, child care, recreation programs, and volunteer and donation opportunities. 2-1-1 also lists health and nutrition programs, such as community fitness activities, classes on healthy eating, smoking cessation and free health screenings. 2-1-1 is a free confidential phone number available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week in 150 languages . 2-1-1's database contains approximately 3,000 resources with over 7,000 services. 2-1-1 TBC currently serves Pinellas and Hernando counties.

If you need help 24 hours a day with referrals or information on local non-profit organizations, please Dial 2-1-1 or send e-mail requests to media@211tampabay.org.

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