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## ***FASTMED LAUNCHES 2014-2015 FLU CAMPAIGN IN AZ*** ***FastMed Urgent Care Offers Front-line Vaccinations and Specials at*** ***Select Locations for the Fall Flu Season in Arizona***

Gilbert, AZ, September 17, 2014 – With flu season upon us, FastMed Urgent Care, the largest urgent care network in Arizona and sixth largest in the U.S., has launched its 2014-2015 annual statewide “Protect your family and yourself. Get the flu shot.” campaign, encouraging local residents to combat the flu this season through a three step process: prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

“Flu activity is low across the United States now, but usually begins to increase in October and most commonly peaks between January and March,” said Michael P. Dunn, M.D., President and Chief Medical Officer, FastMed Arizona. “It can take up to two weeks for the flu vaccine to take effect in the body, so we always encourage our patients to be proactive and not wait until the flu starts moving through the community before getting the vaccine.”

Unlike a cold, the onset of flu symptoms develop quickly and have serious consequences, which is why FastMed has launched the “Protect your family and yourself. Get the flu shot.” campaign. In fact, the CDC recommends an annual flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older. Up to twenty percent of U.S. residents contract the flu each year, resulting in 200,000 hospitalizations, increased health care costs, substantial disruptions to individual lives and the workplace, and a huge drain on the overall economy.

The “Protect your family and yourself. Get the flu shot.” campaign commits educational resources and clinical expertise to help the public prepare for and combat the flu. The three pillars of the campaign are:

1. **Prevention:** Vaccination is the surest way to prevent the flu, and FastMed offers low cost vaccinations seven days a week, 365 days a year with extended evening hours. FastMed also counsels patients to frequently wash their hands, use hand sanitizer and avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth. In addition, FastMed provides online educational content to help prevent the flu (click [here](#)) and Seasonal Flu Q&A (Click [here](#)). FastMed offers adult and child flu shots on a walk-in basis for the discounted price of \$25 dollars. Select FastMed locations are offering additional promotional discounts for a limited time and while supplies last. Click [here](#) for your nearest FastMed Urgent Care.
2. **Diagnosis:** If the flu is suspected, to avoid prolonged illness and spreading it to others, it is extremely important to get care right away. At FastMed we can perform a no needle rapid flu test that takes as little as 10 minutes.
3. **Treatment:** There are convenient treatments at FastMed to reduce the severity of the flu by one to two days and decrease how contagious it is to family, friends and coworkers. Antiviral medication is the most common treatment for the flu, which can also lessen complications, such as pneumonia.

For educational content to help prevent the flu; FastMed’s Seasonal Flu Q&A or to find your nearest FastMed Urgent Care, visit <http://www.fastmed.com/flu>.

**About FastMed Urgent Care:**

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