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Jackson County Public Health Offering Free Holiday Boxes and Flu Shots during Monthly Food Distribution

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo. – In partnership with Harvesters, Jackson County Public Health (JCPH) will distribute around 100 holiday meal boxes to families at its monthly food distribution event Wednesday. Every month, JCPH provides free produce and pantry-friendly items for anyone in need. Holiday boxes offered this month include everything needed to make a holiday meal except for the ham or turkey.

Event Details:

WHEN: Wednesday, December 17, 10 a.m. until supplies run out *(check-in begins at 9:30 a.m.)*

WHERE: Jackson County Public Health, 3651 NE Ralph Powell Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64064

Holiday meal boxes are first-come, first-served. Additional pantry staples and fresh produce will also be available. **Free flu shots** (regardless of insurance status) will be offered during the event, no appointments required.

"Holidays can be a stressful time of year for families across our community, especially with the rising cost of groceries and gifts," said Lauren Allen, Supervising Case Manager at Jackson County Public Health. "By offering these holiday boxes, we hope to ease some of that stress and worry."

Since launching its partnership with Harvesters in December 2023, JCPH has distributed nearly **47,000 pounds of food** to families in need across the community. Last month alone, the food distribution served more than 500 people in 120 households. More information about the program can be found at jcph.org/food.

About Jackson County Public Health:
Serving more than 277,000 Eastern Jackson County residents; we offer services, provide programs, and advocate for policies so that all people have a fair and just opportunity to be healthy. Learn more at **jcph.org**.