



## Flu Vaccine at School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The best way to keep our students healthy during flu season is to immunize them against the influenza virus.

Your Local County Health Department will schedule voluntary flu vaccination clinics at local schools in the upcoming months. All enrolled students will be eligible to receive the flu vaccine, with parental consent. These clinics will be set up with minimal interruption to the school day. The nasal spray form of the vaccine may be offered this year in addition to the injectable vaccine, per recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The vaccine types available will be based on local supply. Here are the possible flu vaccine options:

- ❖ **Inactivated Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (QIV)**: vaccine given as a *shot*.
- ❖ **Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV)**: vaccine given as a mist *in the nose*.

For more information on flu vaccine, please see the attached "What You Need to Know" Vaccine Information Statements.

All children are eligible to participate regardless of insurance status. If your child has health insurance that covers vaccines, please provide the child's insurance information and a copy of the insurance card. *If your insurance does not agree to pay the fee or you do not have insurance, we will not charge you or your insurance.*

### **If you would like to have your child vaccinated during the school-based flu clinic please:**

- 1) **Read the "What You Need to Know" Vaccine Information Statements included with this letter.**
- 2) **Fully complete, sign, and date the attached consent form.**
- 3) **Return the consent form to the school as soon as possible – no later than 1 week after receiving this packet.**

***Please do not return the form if you do not wish to have your child vaccinated.***

- **School staff will let you know when the flu vaccine clinic will take place at your child's school.**
- **Due to possible COVID-19 closures, schedule and/or location for school flu clinics may change.**
- **The student will be asked to wear a mask while he/she is with the nurse.**
- **Please plan to send a mask to school on the day of the clinic, if possible.**

**\* If you wish to withdraw consent at any time before the school clinic, please contact the school/school nurse. \***

Children up to the age of nine years who have not received the flu vaccine in the past may need a second dose approximately one month after the first dose in order to have the best protection against the flu. *If your child needs a second dose, we will send home another consent form for you to complete and sign before giving the vaccine.*

If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccination clinics, please contact ***your local Health Department***

**OR:** Kay Davis, RN, MSN  
Southeast Health District Immunization Coordinator  
**912-557-7172 OR 855-473-4374 (Call Center)**  
[Kay.Davis@dph.ga.gov](mailto:Kay.Davis@dph.ga.gov)  
[www.sehdph.org](http://www.sehdph.org)

Your child's health care provider can also answer your questions regarding the influenza virus and can give your child the seasonal influenza vaccine. For additional information, please visit the CDC's influenza website at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>.

Thank you for helping keep our students safe and healthy.

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