



Health Related Services



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Houston County Health Department is partnering with the Houston County Board of Education to provide a flu vaccination program to children at school at no out-of-pocket expense to you. Every year many children are infected by the influenza virus, causing serious illness and missed days of school. Also, an infected child can spread the flu to other members of the family. Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this potentially serious disease.

TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR A FLU VACCINE:

1. **Read the Vaccine Information Statement *Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): What you need to know* to learn more about the flu vaccine. The information statement is attached to the consent form.**
The Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (mist, live, Intranasal) will not be available this year.
2. **Complete the attached School Based Influenza Vaccine Consent Form. Please be sure to answer all of the health questions for the nurses to review. Students with incomplete consent forms will not be able to receive the flu vaccine at the school clinic.**
3. **Return the consent form to the school before the flu clinic date scheduled for your school.**
4. **If your child is covered by ANY insurance plan, please indicate the name, group number, and policy number on the consent form. Please attach a copy of your insurance card to the consent form if your child will be receiving the vaccine. This information is for administrative purposes at the Houston County Health Department. The following companies: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Aetna, Coventry/Mailhandler's, United Healthcare (SHBP only), and Medicaid (Peachstate, Wellcare, Amerigroup) will be billed for the vaccine administration.**
5. **If for some reason your child is given the flu vaccine by another provider before the school flu date, please notify the school so that your child's consent form can be removed.**

**** A child with a severe allergy to eggs or latex will not be able to receive the vaccine in the school clinic.****

If your child is under the age of 9, he or she may need a second dose of the flu vaccine to gain the best protection against the influenza virus. You will be notified if an additional dose of the flu vaccine is needed.

For your convenience, a copy of the school flu clinic is located on the back of this form.

If you have any questions, please contact the Health Related Services department at 478-218-4618.