



In Fall 2009, our school & the Monroe County Department of Public Health will work together to offer influenza (flu) vaccine during school.

When?

We will hold 2 flu vaccine clinics at our school:

One in **November, 2009**

Another in **December, 2009**

Who can be vaccinated?

Children who go to our school are welcome.

Your permission is required before vaccination.

We will offer 2 versions of flu vaccine:

Nose spray and regular flu “shots”

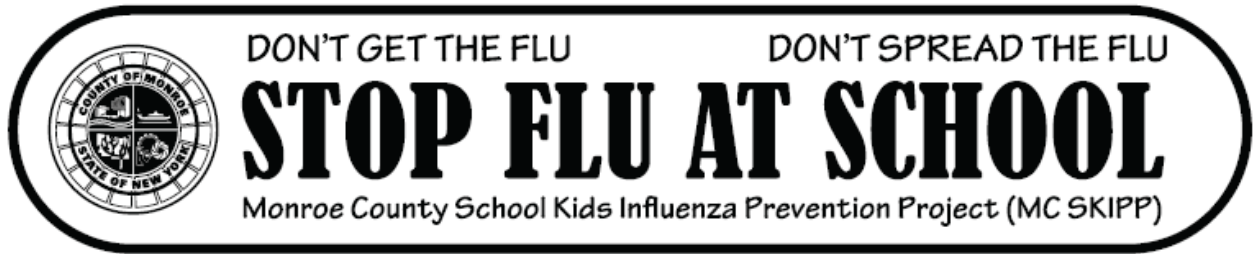


Payment:

- In Fall 2009, you will be sent a consent form to sign if you want your child to get a flu vaccine in school.
- Insurance information will be collected on the consent form. The vaccine will be covered by your insurance company the same way it happens at your doctor’s office.
- If your insurance *requires* a co-pay, Health Checkpoint will mail you an invoice for the co-pay. **Your child should not bring any money to school.**
- Your child can get the flu vaccine even if he/she does not have health insurance. A federal program (Vaccines for Children) will pay for the vaccine.

Where can I get more information?

- More details are on side two of this sheet
- Our website has more details: www.monroecounty.gov/health-skiptheflu.php
- Call 585-753-5042 or 585-753-5053



Details on the School Clinics

Can my child receive influenza (flu) vaccine at the doctor's office? Yes! It's up to you to decide where is best for your child. We encourage you to have your child vaccinated against the flu. This program is just one option.

What should I do if I want my child vaccinated against flu in school? In the Fall, you will be provided with a "Flu Vaccine Consent Form" to complete. Then return it to school with your child or drop it off in the main office. These forms will be sent home with your child closer to the time of the flu clinics.

My child is afraid of needles. There will be a nose spray vaccine option. However, a child with a history of asthma or wheezing cannot get nose spray vaccine, but needs the shot. We will have that, too.

Why do you need my child's insurance number? Health Checkpoint will bill your insurance just as your child's doctor's office would.

How will my child's doctor know that my child got the vaccine? Nurses from University of Rochester will give the vaccine. They will also enter the vaccine into your child's immunization record for their doctor to see.

How many doses does my child need? Most children need one dose of flu vaccine each year.

Children need 2 doses if they are younger than 9 years of age and

- Are getting flu vaccine for the first time OR
- Got flu vaccine for the 1st time last season, but got only 1 dose

We will schedule 2 vaccine days so most children can get both doses at our school's vaccine day clinics.

- For more information please visit our website listed at the bottom of the page.

What happens if my child has side effects from the vaccine?

- *At the clinic:* Nurses giving the vaccine will watch for side effects. If you your child has an allergic reaction, the proper care will be provided and you will be notified.
- *At home:* Side effects that come up at home should be handled as you would normally. Parents may call **our hot line 275-4816** for information about flu vaccine side effects.

Side effects to this vaccine are rare.



More information about the flu vaccine is on our website:

www.monroecounty.gov/health-skiptheflu.php