

Vaccinate your child against flu at school!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Influenza is a serious disease that can cause hospitalization and sometimes even death. A flu shot is an excellent way to prevent this disease. The New Mexico Department of Health, through the School Kids Influenza Immunization Project (SKIIP) will be working with your child's school to offer flu shots to students. The flu shot will be provided at **no cost** to you at your child's school.

All children are eligible to get the flu shot through SKIIP.
There is no need to make a doctor's appointment or take time off
to get your child vaccinated against the flu!

Pediatricians recommend all children 6 months through 18 years be vaccinated against the flu **every year**.

For the 2018-2019 flu season, **only** the injectable flu shot will be available.

If you want your child to get a **flu** shot at school, please:

1. Completely **fill out** the consent form
2. **Sign** the consent form only if you **want your child** to get the **flu shot**
3. **Return** the form to the **school nurse** as soon as possible

All children, whether they have insurance or not, can participate in SKIIP. To participate, it is necessary for you to complete the medical screening questions and insurance section on the form for your child.

Your school nurse will review the completed consent form and medical screening questions to determine if your child can receive the injectable flu shot. Some children cannot receive flu vaccine due to medical reasons like a severe egg allergy or a bad reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.

For children younger than 9 years old, two doses of influenza vaccine may be needed. Please contact your healthcare provider or public health office to receive a 2nd dose if needed.



Together let's keep our children and schools healthy and free from flu!

If you have questions about the flu or flu vaccine, please visit the New Mexico Department of Health Immunization Program website at www.immunizenm.org, or contact your local public health office.