

## Vaccinate your child against flu at school!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Influenza is a serious disease that can cause hospitalization and sometimes even death. Flu vaccination 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 vaccinations to students. The flu vaccine will be provided at **no cost** to you at your child's school.

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

Through SKIIP clinics, your school-aged child can be vaccinated against the flu. **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 flu vaccine. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> dose if needed.

If you want your child to get the **flu** vaccination at school, please follow these steps:

- 1. Fill out** the consent form completely
- 2. Sign** the consent form only if you want your child to get the flu vaccine
- 3. Return** the form to the school nurse as soon as possible



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

*Parents, please remember that pediatricians recommend  
all children 6 months through 18 years be vaccinated against the flu every year.*

*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](http://www.immunizenm.org), or contact your local public health office.*