

Dear Parent:

The Smith County Health Department and the Smith County School System have partnered to provide seasonal influenza (flu) vaccinations at your child's school.

Why should my child be immunized against the flu?

The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. An influenza vaccine is the best way to reduce the risk of getting sick with influenza and developing any of the potentially complications that can result. influenza vaccination also can reduce the spread of influenza to others.

This service to the students and staff is being provided to decrease the impact of seasonal flu in our communities and to decrease school absenteeism.

How can I get more information?

If, after you review the Vaccine Information Sheet, you have questions, you may contact the Health Department by phone (615) 735-0242 and ask to speak to a nurse. You may also want to visit the CDC's influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/> . Your child's health care provider also can answer your questions about the influenza virus.

Is there a charge? Will my child's insurance pay for this immunization?

If your child is covered by insurance, including TennCare and private insurance, the County Health Department will file a claim with the insurance plan and receive reimbursement directly from the insurance plan.

If your child is uninsured, there is a cost up to \$20. If you would like to be considered for a sliding scale reduced fee, please contact the Health Department at (615) 735-0242 to provide your family size and income.

When will immunizations be available? Who will provide the immunizations?

Clinics will begin as soon as the vaccine arrives at the health department (usually middle to late fall). Our current schedule for your child is Oct 6th and 7th, 2026

If date isn't set: Your child's school will notify you about the date flu vaccine will be given once it is scheduled

Health Department nurses will vaccinate children and school staff using the injectable (shot).

Consent Form & Notice of Privacy Practices

If you would like for your child to receive flu vaccine, please *completely* fill out the front side of the attached consent form. Be sure to sign the form as this will be your permission for your student to receive the vaccine.

If using electronic consent:

If you would like for your child to receive flu vaccine, please completely fill out the front side of the attached consent form or complete the electronic consent using the following:



<https://redcap.link/smithcountyslv2026>

Be sure to sign the consent as this will be your permission for your student to receive the vaccine.

A separate consent form is required *for each student you would like to receive the vaccine.*

If at a later date you change your mind and do not wish for your child to receive flu vaccine at the school, please notify the school prior to the clinic date!

A copy of the Health Department Notice of Privacy Practices is also attached. .

Sincerely,

Lindsey Gull, RN

Nursing Supervisor

Attachments: CDC Influenza Vaccine Information Statement

Tennessee Department of Health Notice of Privacy Practices