

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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IS THIS PROGRAM REQUIRED?

No. The In-School Immunization Program is optional, and families are under no obligation to participate. If you return a signed consent form and later change your mind, you may call the school nurse or program office and your child can easily be removed from the program.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM PROVIDING?

We are providing all age-appropriate vaccines, including seasonal influenza and COVID-19, to children in Denver Public Schools. Our clinics will run throughout the entire school year. Clinic dates are scheduled to accommodate the appropriate spacing to provide the full HPV vaccine series as well as COVID-19 series for girls and boys at the approved time.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE?

You may return a signed consent form at any time and your child will be seen at the next clinic visit. We do ask that signed consent forms be returned at least seven days prior from the next clinic date if you wish for them to participate in that specific clinic date. You do not have to sign up for the first clinic in order to participate in later clinics.

WILL NASAL FLU MIST BE AVAILABLE?

At this time, we are only able to provide the influenza vaccine by injection.

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD GET HIS/HER VACCINES AT SCHOOL?

- ❖ It's easy and convenient for you.
- ❖ You do not have to take time off from work to take your child to the doctor, and your child is out of class for a shorter amount of time (an average of 13 minutes).
- ❖ You will receive an updated vaccine record and vaccines will be entered into the state's vaccination registry.

WHO WILL GIVEN THE VACCINES TO MY CHILD? DO I HAVE TO BE PRESENT FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE?

Licensed nurses and medical assistants will be administering all vaccines. Parents do not need to be present at the clinics but are welcome to attend based on the school's visitor policy.

IS THIS PROGRAM FREE?

The program is being conducted and carried out at no cost to participating families.

WE HAVE INSURANCE. WILL I STILL HAVE TO PAY MY CO-PAY IF MY CHILD GETS HIS/HER VACCINES AT SCHOOL?

No, you will not have to pay your co-pay and you should not receive a bill from Denver Health. These vaccinations will count towards your deductible. If you receive a bill, call Denver's In-School Immunization Program office at (303) 602-3688 and they will correct the error.

CAN MY CHILD PARTICIPATE IF I DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE?

Yes, this program is open to all students regardless of insurance status.

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WHAT IF I DO NOT KNOW WHAT MY CHILD NEEDS?

The school nurse will review your child's vaccine record with the Public Health Institute at Denver Health nurse coordinator and staff to confirm exactly what your child needs. Your child will only receive the vaccine(s) he/she needs. We will not vaccinate your child for anything you have not consented to. Parents may also opt-in or out for specific or select vaccines for their child.

WILL I GET A RECORD OF MY CHILD'S VACCINES?

Yes, you will receive a record before the end of the school year. Your child's doctor can also obtain the record from the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS).

DO I HAVE TO SIGN THE CONSENT TODAY? WHAT DO I DO WITH IT WHEN I COMPLETE IT?

You do not have to complete the forms today, but we request that they are submitted as soon as possible. You can send the packet in to the school nurse office when it is completed. If you do not have your insurance information on hand, you can make a copy of your insurance card and send it to the school nurse's office later with a note attached, stating that you are participating in the immunization program. Fill out as much as you can on the insurance page and be sure to sign both pages and answer ALL the health questions.

CAN PARENTS OR OTHER CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED AT THE SCHOOL PARTICIPATE?

This program is open to students in the selected schools only. Unfortunately, it is not open to siblings, family members, or the community.

WILL YOU BE GIVING HPV VACCINE TO BOYS?

Yes, HPV vaccines will be offered to all children ages 11 and older who are not yet vaccinated.

WILL YOU BE GIVING THE COVID-19 VACCINE TO CHILDREN?

Yes, this will be made available to all children 5 years of age and older. As the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices continues to alter the age range that is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we will administer the vaccine based on their recommendations. You can find more information on the COVID-19 vaccine for children here: [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens | CDC](#)