



In-School Immunization Program FAQs

IS THIS PROGRAM REQUIRED?

No. The In-School Immunization Program (ISIP) 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 the ISIP program office at (303) 602-3462 and your child can be removed from the program.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM PROVIDE?

All age-appropriate vaccines are provided, including seasonal influenza and COVID-19, to children in Denver Public Schools (DPS). Our clinics run throughout the school year. Clinic dates are scheduled to accommodate the appropriate spacing to provide the full vaccine series. If we have an increased demand for clinics, schools may only host one clinic per year. As an alternative, your student can sign up to be seen at a Denver Health and Hospital Authority (DHHA) school-based health center [here: \(https://www.denverhealth.org/services/school-based-health-centers\)](https://www.denverhealth.org/services/school-based-health-centers) to complete any vaccine series or receive other medical care.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE?

You may return a signed consent form at any time to your school nurse and your child will be seen at the next clinic visit. We ask that signed consent forms be returned at least two weeks prior to the next scheduled clinic if you wish for them to participate in that event. You do not have to sign up your child for the first clinic for them to participate in later clinics.

WILL NASAL FLU MIST BE AVAILABLE?

No. Currently, we only provide the influenza vaccine by injection.

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD RECEIVE 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 BE GIVING THE VACCINES TO MY CHILD? DO I HAVE TO BE PRESENT FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE?

Licensed registered 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 HEALTH INSURANCE. WILL I STILL HAVE TO PAY MY CO-PAY IF MY CHILD RECEIVES VACCINES AT SCHOOL?

No, you will not have to pay your co-pay, and you will not receive a bill from Denver Health. If you receive a bill, call Denver's In-School Immunization Program office at (303) 602-3462 and they will correct the error.



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CAN MY CHILD PARTICIPATE IF I DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE?

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

WHAT IF I DO NOT KNOW WHAT VACCINES MY CHILD NEEDS?

The school nurse will review your child's vaccine record with the Public Health Institute at Denver Health nurse coordinator to confirm exactly what your child needs. Your child will only receive the vaccine(s) they need. We will not vaccinate your child for anything you have not consented to. Parents may also opt-out for specific vaccines for their child, if desired. Please read the consent form carefully and in its entirety for opt-out.

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). You may also sign up to obtain your child's vaccine records from CIIS [here](https://copublicportal.state.co.us/): (<https://copublicportal.state.co.us/>).

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

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 into the school nurse's 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 the last page and answer ALL questions and fields on the consent form.**

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

This program is open to students enrolled in participating schools only. Unfortunately, it is not open to siblings, family members, or the community. Your student's siblings may enroll to be seen at a school-based health center regardless of their association with DPS [here](https://www.denverhealth.org/services/school-based-health-centers/e-consent): (<https://www.denverhealth.org/services/school-based-health-centers/e-consent>).

WILL YOU BE GIVING THE HPV VACCINE TO BOYS?

Yes, HPV vaccines will be offered to all children ages 9 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 6 months of age and older. You can find more information on the COVID-19 vaccine for children [here](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/): ([Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines | COVID-19 | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/)) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/>) Denver Health only offers the Moderna vaccine at this time.

WHAT IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Immunization and Travel Clinic at Denver Health at ImmunizationClinic.Outreach@dhha.org or (303) 602-3462 with any questions. Inquiries will be addressed Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.