ATTENTION: This packet is available online, including a fillable, electronic version of the vaccination Consent Form. To access the online version, visit our website at: https://vaxonlinereg.doh.hawaii.gov

August 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Stop Flu at School program, offering free flu vaccinations in select public schools to students in kindergarten through the 8th grade, will begin in October 2020. This program is provided by the Hawaii State Department of Health in partnership with the Department of Education.

The flu shot will be offered through the Stop Flu at School program at your child’s school in October or November 2020. Your school will notify you of the specific date and time.

If you would like your child to receive a free flu shot at school:

1. Read the attached Vaccine Information Statement for Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant)
2. Complete the attached Consent Form
   - All of the questions must be answered
   - The form must be signed and dated
3. Return the completed Consent Form to your child’s teacher by Thursday, August 20, 2020

There will be only one clinic per school. If your child needs a 2nd dose of flu vaccine (children aged 8 years and younger, who are receiving the flu vaccine for the first time), please schedule an appointment with your child’s doctor for the 2nd dose.

NOTE: Participation in the Stop Flu at School Program is voluntary. Do NOT return a completed consent form if you do not want your child to be vaccinated at school.

IMPORTANT: If you submit a consent form to the school and your child receives a flu vaccine at his/her doctor’s office before the scheduled school vaccination clinic, you must pick up your child’s consent form at the school before the scheduled clinic date to be sure that your child is not vaccinated again.

For additional information about the Stop Flu at School program, visit http://flu.hawaii.gov/SFAS.html or call 2-1-1, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Sarah Y. Park, M.D., F.A.A.P.
State Epidemiologist

Enclosures
Why get vaccinated?

Influenza vaccine can prevent influenza (flu).

Flu is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system are at greatest risk of flu complications.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications. If you have a medical condition, such as heart disease, cancer or diabetes, flu can make it worse.

Flu can cause fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and runny or stuffy nose. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

Each year thousands of people in the United States die from flu, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

Influenza vaccine

CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older get vaccinated every flu season. Children 6 months through 8 years of age may need 2 doses during a single flu season. Everyone else needs only 1 dose each flu season.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against three or four viruses that are likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. Even when the vaccine doesn't exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

Influenza vaccine does not cause flu.

Influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

Talk with your health care provider

Tell your vaccine provider if the person getting the vaccine:
- Has had an allergic reaction after a previous dose of influenza vaccine, or has any severe, life-threatening allergies.
- Has ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (also called GBS).

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone influenza vaccination to a future visit.

People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting influenza vaccine.

Your health care provider can give you more information.
4 Risks of a vaccine reaction

- Soreness, redness, and swelling where shot is given, fever, muscle aches, and headache can happen after influenza vaccine.
- There may be a very small increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) after inactivated influenza vaccine (the flu shot).

Young children who get the flu shot along with pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13), and/or DTaP vaccine at the same time might be slightly more likely to have a seizure caused by fever. Tell your health care provider if a child who is getting flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.

As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction, other serious injury, or death.

5 What if there is a serious problem?

An allergic reaction could occur after the vaccinated person leaves the clinic. If you see signs of a severe allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), call 9-1-1 and get the person to the nearest hospital.

For other signs that concern you, call your health care provider.

Adverse reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Your health care provider will usually file this report, or you can do it yourself. Visit the VAERS website at www.vaers.hhs.gov or call 1-800-822-7967. VAERS is only for reporting reactions, and VAERS staff do not give medical advice.

6 The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines. Visit the VICP website at www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation or call 1-800-338-2382 to learn about the program and about filing a claim. There is a time limit to file a claim for compensation.

7 How can I learn more?

- Ask your healthcare provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 
  - Call 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO) or 
  - Visit CDC’s www.cdc.gov/flu

Vaccine Information Statement (Interim)
Inactivated Influenza Vaccine
8/15/2019   |  42 U.S.C. § 300aa-26
STUDENT Vaccination Consent Form - **FLU SHOT**

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The following questions will help us to determine if your child may receive the **Flu Shot** (inactivated influenza vaccine). Please select YES or NO (“□”) for each question.

1. Has your child ever had a serious allergic reaction to eggs or to a component of any flu vaccine? □ YES □ NO

2. Has your child ever had a serious reaction to a previous dose of flu vaccine? □ YES □ NO

3. Has your child ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a serious nervous system disorder)? □ YES □ NO

If you answered YES to any question, left any question blank, or you are unsure of the answer to any of the questions above, your child will NOT receive the Flu Shot (inactivated influenza vaccine) through the school vaccination program. Please talk to your child’s doctor.

**CONSENT FOR CHILD’S VACCINATION:** I have received and read the Vaccine Information Statement for Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): *What you need to know*, dated 8/15/2019. I understand the risks and benefits, and give consent to the State of Hawaii Department of Health and its authorized staff for my child, named at the top of this form, for whom I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian, to receive the **FLU SHOT** and to share information regarding my child’s influenza vaccination with my child’s doctor and my child’s health insurance company. I agree to waive and release any claims against the State, all contributory members of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans, and all other program sponsors, related to or arising from the Stop Flu at School Program. In addition, I have received information regarding the Hawaii Immunization Registry (see reverse side).

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**FLU SHOT NOT** given:

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Hawaii Department of Health
August 2020
HAWAII IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY INFORMATION

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REGISTRY
- Immunization information including but not limited to vaccine type, date of vaccine administration, vaccine administration site and route, lot number, expiration date, patient’s history of vaccine preventable diseases, contraindications, precautions, adverse reactions, and/or comments regarding vaccinations.
- Personal information including but not limited to an individual's first, middle, and last name, date of birth, gender, mailing address, phone number, parent/guardian name, parent/guardian relationship to the individual, their contact information, and mother's maiden name.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY INFORMATION
All authorized users and the Department of Health Immunization Branch acknowledge that the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule (PL 104-191 and 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, “Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information”) governs the use and disclosure of individually identifiable information by entities subject to the Privacy Rule. Although HIPAA standards for privacy were used as a guide to assist in the development of the Registry Confidentiality and Privacy policies, the Registry and the Department of Health Immunization Branch are not “covered entities” under HIPAA. Providers, health plans and other covered entities who are authorized users must comply with the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

Registry information will be entered by and available to authorized users for authorized purposes only. All authorized users will be required to safeguard the privacy of patient participants by protecting confidential information in the Registry in accordance with the Hawaii Immunization Registry Confidentiality and Privacy Policy, the Hawaii Immunization Registry Security Policy, as well as all applicable State and Federal Laws.

AUTHORIZED USERS
Authorized users of the Registry may include individuals and/or entities that require regular access to patient immunization and other individually identifiable health information to provide immunization services to specific patients, maintain a computerized inventory of their public and private stock of vaccines, assess immunization status to determine immunization rates, and/or ensure compliance with mandatory immunization requirements. All authorized users are required to sign a Hawaii Immunization Registry Confidentiality and Security Statement indicating that they have received a copy of the Hawaii Immunization Registry Confidentiality and Privacy Policy and the Hawaii Immunization Registry Security Policy, understand the terms, including penalties for violation of the policies, and agree to comply with the policies.

The Department of Health Immunization Branch is responsible for oversight of the Registry and therefore will be designated as an authorized user.

USES OF REGISTRY INFORMATION (AUTHORIZED PURPOSES)
Registry immunization data and other individually identifiable health information shall be utilized by authorized users for the purposes of:
- Consolidating, maintaining, and accessing computerized immunization records;
- Consolidating and maintaining vaccine inventory information;
- Determining the immunization history of individuals and delivering health care treatment accordingly;
- Generating notices for individuals who are due or overdue for immunizations and in the event of a vaccine recall;
- Staying abreast of the complex immunization schedule by utilizing registry-supplied immunization forecasting tools;
- Assessing the immunization rate of their patient population (or subsets thereof);
- Generating official immunization records (e.g. Student’s Health Record);
- Ensuring compliance with mandatory immunization requirements;
- Recording the distribution of prophylactic and treatment medications administered or dispensed in preparation for and in response to a potentially catastrophic disease threat;
- Complying with Hawaii Vaccines For Children and other State-provided vaccine programs’ vaccine ordering and accountability policies and procedures; and
- Other purposes determined at the discretion of the Department of Health Immunization Branch.

Registry immunization data and other individually identifiable health information shall be utilized by the Department of Health Immunization Branch for the following public health purposes including but not limited to:
- Ensuring compliance with mandatory immunization requirements;
- Performing Quality Improvement/Quality Assessment activities;
- Complying with Hawaii Vaccines For Children and other State-provided vaccine programs’ vaccine ordering and accountability policies and procedures;
- Preventing and managing outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases and other public health emergencies;
- Producing immunization assessment reports to aid in the development of policies and strategies to improve public health;
- Managing and maintaining the Registry system; and
- Other purposes determined at the discretion of the Department of Health Immunization Branch.

AVAILABILITY OF IMMUNIZATION RECORD INFORMATION
An individual’s immunization data and other individually identifiable health information in the Registry will be made available to the individual's immunization provider, the Department of Health, and other Registry authorized users for authorized purposes only.

OPT-OUT
Individuals may choose not to include their or their child’s immunization data in the Registry ("opt-out"). Individuals must opt-out in writing by completing a "Hawaii Immunization Registry Opt-Out Form" which is available from the individual’s immunization provider or the Department of Health Immunization Branch. The Registry will retain only core demographic information necessary to identify the individual has chosen to opt-out of the Registry. This information is necessary to enable the Registry to filter and refuse entry of immunization information for the individual. Core demographic data will be for Hawaii Department of Health use only and will be non-displaying to all other Registry authorized users. An individual’s decision not to authorize the inclusion of immunization data in the Registry will not affect whether or not they receive immunizations.

REVOCATION
An individual may revoke their decision to opt-out of the Hawaii Immunization Registry at any time. Revocations must be made in writing by completing a "Hawaii Immunization Registry Reauthorization Form" obtained from the individual's immunization provider or the Department of Health Immunization Branch.

RIGHT TO INSPECT, COPY, CORRECT OR AMEND PERSONAL AND IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION
Individuals may inspect, copy, correct or amend their or their child’s immunization record information via their or their child’s immunization provider. For information on how to inspect, copy, correct or amend your or your child’s information, please speak with your doctor.

QUESTIONS?
If you have any questions about the Registry, please speak with your doctor or visit our website at: http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/hawaii-immunization-registry/.