

School – Located Vaccination Clinics

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Questions?

Objectives

Define School-Located Vaccination Clinics

Benefits of a School-Located Vaccination Clinic

Discuss our previously implemented DOH Stop Flu at School (SFAS) Program

Review the Next Evolution of SFAS

Summary of the 2023-2024 SFAS Efforts



What is a School-Located Vaccination Clinic?

- School-located vaccination clinics are typically:
 - Administered on school grounds via temporary clinics
 - Primarily designed to vaccinate enrolled students, but can include school staff, family or community members
 - Held before, during, or after school
 - Typically involve collaboration between state and local health departments, schools, and other groups such as FQHCs, pharmacies, health care providers, community-based organizations, etc.

Timeline:

Typically held during the influenza season October - December



Why promote School-Located Vaccination Clinics?

- School-located vaccination clinics are critical access points for students, school staff, and even family members to receive Influenza and COVID-19 immunizations
- Schools are environments in which children feel safe, seen, soothed, and secure, which can improve the immunization experience
- Principals, teachers, and school nurses are trusted sources of information for the community



What does a School-Located Vaccination Clinic look like?

- There is no one size fits all approach to school vaccination clinics. Each school is different and will have different needs and community resources to draw on. Schools can use existing health care resources like school-based health centers or school nurses to deliver vaccines, or schools can partner with local pharmacies, FQHCs, or health care providers to host pop-up school vaccination clinics.



Benefits of School-Located Vaccination Clinics



The ability to immunize large numbers of students in a short time frame in a familiar environment.



Decreasing illness-related absenteeism for students and missed work for teachers, school staff, and families.



Reducing barriers to underserved students by making vaccinations convenient and accessible.



Lowering disease transmission and hospitalization rates in surrounding communities.



Increasing coverage of school-required immunizations and keeping students up to date on all recommended vaccines.



Relieving the seasonal burden on providers, such as in preparation for the new school year or flu season.

DOH: Stop Flu at School (SFAS) Program



- **Launched: 2007**
 - Statewide, school-located influenza vaccination program that offered seasonal influenza vaccines without cost to students with parent's/guardian's consent in K-8 grades
 - Objective: decrease influenza disease & complications resulting from influenza in school children
- **Suspended: 2021**
 - HDOH resource/staffing constraints exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic led to suspension of the HDOH-administered SFAS program
 - Emergence of community vaccination partners capable of conducting mobile/off-site vaccination clinics during the pandemic has paved the way for feasible alternatives to traditional HDOH-run clinics

Although this program has been suspended, the Hawaii Department of Health is still committed to providing guidance and support for school-located vaccination clinics as effective mechanisms for protecting students from disease and keeping them in school.

Next Evolution of SFAS: How HDOH is Promoting Vaccination Clinics

Reach out to me if your interested in partnering to conduct a vaccination event

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DOH School Survey – determine which schools are interested in hosting a school-located vaccination clinic

Connect the vaccine provider with schools that are interested in hosting vaccination clinics

Collaborate with vaccine provider & school to move forward with steps such as:

Coordinating clinic event (ie. Scheduling vaccination clinic date, distributing consent forms etc.)

Summary of 2023-2024 SFAS Efforts

- Timeline
 - Typically held during Influenza season: October – December, however clinic operational period commenced in October 2023 and concluded February 2024.
- Students
 - Participation is voluntary
 - Offered to students in Elementary School, Middle School, and High School
 - Parent/guardian written consent is required for vaccination
- School Participation: voluntary
 - Public
 - Private / Independent / Catholic
 - Charter
- Partnered with 5 Vaccine Providers
- Completed 24 School-Located Vaccination Clinics



List of Community Flu Vaccination Providers

Kaiser Permanente – Community Based Organization

Pharmacare – Pharmacy

Kalihi-Palama Health Center - FQHC

Waikiki Health – FQHC

CHAMPS Pediatrics – Maui Private Health Care Provider

Collaborated with Hawaii Keiki Nurses

Completed School-Located Flu Vaccination Clinics in 2023-2024

School	Type of Scho	City	Island	Community Vaccination Pr	Vax Clinic Date	Vaccine Type
Aina Haina ES	Public		Oahu	Kaiser	Oct. 5	Flu
Honowai ES	Public		Oahu	Kaiser	Oct. 6	Flu
Kaimuki HS	Public		Oahu	Kaiser	Nov. 3	Flu
King Intermediate	Public		Oahu	Kaiser	Not confirmed yet (new principal)	
Koko Head Elementary	Public		Oahu	Pharmacare	Sept. 9	Flu
Mary, Star of the Sea School	Private - Catholic		Oahu	Pharmacare	Sept. 18	Flu
Mililani Ike Elementary School	Public		Oahu	Pharmacare	Sept. 22	Flu
Punahou School	Private		Oahu	Pharmacare	Sept. 29, Sept. 30, & Oct. 14	Flu
Honouliuli Middle School	Public		Oahu	Pharmacare	Oct. 05	Flu
Mid-Pacific Institute	Private		Oahu	Pharmacare	Oct. 06 & Oct. 07	Flu
Hongwanji Mission School	Private		Oahu	Pharmacare	Oct. 16	Flu
Ewa Makai Middle School	Public		Oahu	Pharmacare	Oct. 18	Flu
Keone'ula Elementary	Public		Oahu	Pharmacare	Oct. 20	Flu
Iolani School	Private		Oahu	Pharmacare	Oct. 26	Flu
Maryknoll School	Private - Catholic		Oahu	Pharmacare	Nov. 09	Flu
Lihoiho Elementary School	Public		Oahu	Kalihi Palama Health Center	Oct. 4	Flu & Covid
Ilima Intermediate	Public		Oahu	Kalihi Palama Health Center	Oct. 26 & Nov. 30	Covid
Jarrett Middle School	Public		Oahu	Waikiki Health	Currently scheduling - TBD	Flu
Puu Kukui Elementary School	Public		Maui	CHAMPS Pediatrics	Dec. 13	Flu
Kulanihako'i High School	Public		Maui	CHAMPS Pediatrics	Scheduling-TBD	Flu
Lokelani Intermediate	Public		Maui	Kaiser	Jan. 19	Flu
Kahului Elementary School	Public		Maui	Kaiser	Jan. 25	Flu
Lahaina Intermediate	Public		Maui	Kaiser	Feb. 5	Flu
Pomaika'i Elementary	Public		Maui	Kaiser	Feb. 7	Flu

Next Steps:



We are in the beginning stages of planning the SFAS efforts for the 2024 – 2025 school year:

- We are in the process of sending out the DOH School Survey to assess school interest
- Performing vaccine provider outreach



HDOH is currently seeking community vaccination providers to conduct community and/or school-located vaccination clinics for the 2024-2025 school year.



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