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### **Stop Flu at School vaccination consent forms distributed in student orientation or “back to school” packets**

*Vaccination consent forms due August 16, 2018*

HONOLULU – The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) will hold flu vaccination clinics in 180 public schools statewide from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, 2018. The list of participating schools is available at <http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/about-us/programs/stop-flu-at-school/>.

**New this year:** Vaccination consent forms will be distributed to parents through student orientation or “back to school” packets on the first day of school. Parents or guardians wanting their child to receive a free flu shot should return the completed consent form to their school by **Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018**.

The annual Stop Flu at School program provides free flu shots to children in kindergarten through grade 8 attending participating schools. Flu vaccination reduces the spread of flu and helps protect those at risk of serious illness.

Parents and guardians of students attending schools that will not have a school-located clinic are encouraged to contact their child’s healthcare provider to receive the flu vaccine in their office. For more information, call Aloha United Way’s information and referral service at 2-1-1.

#### Additional Resources:

- Stop Flu at School website: <http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/about-us/programs/stop-flu-at-school/>
- Fillable, electronic consent form: <https://vaxonlinereg.doh.hawaii.gov>
- Consent form translations: <http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/about-us/programs/stop-flu-at-school/>

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**Get vaccinated**  
Influenza or "flu" can cause serious illness. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family.

**Cover your cough or sneeze**  
Cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve or a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Toss your used tissue in the waste basket and wash your hands.

**Wash your hands**  
Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

**Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth**  
If you touch surfaces with the flu virus, you can get the flu by touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

**Stay home if you are sick**  
Flu viruses go wherever you go when you are infected. Stay at home and check with your healthcare provider when needed.

**Fight the Flu**  
It starts with you



For more information, call 2-1-1 or visit [www.hawaii.gov/health](http://www.hawaii.gov/health)

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Stop Flu at School, Hawaii's school-located vaccination program, is an innovative partnership between the State of Hawaii Departments of Health and Education. This program is endorsed by the Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Hawaii Association of Family Practitioners and is paid for by federal funds and contributions from health insurers.