

City of Independence



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The City of Independence Health Department is working with VaxCare and your child's school to give the seasonal influenza vaccine to children at school. This vaccine will protect against all four influenza strains that are expected to circulate this year. We will hold vaccination clinics beginning this fall; specific dates for your child's school can be found at the end of this letter or at www.isdschools.org.

The most current Vaccine Information Statements on the flu vaccines are attached. We will have injectable vaccine (shot) or FluMist (nasal spray). If you have a preference of which type of vaccine you would like your child to receive, please check the appropriate box on the back of the consent form. We will do our best to provide your preferred type, but may not be able to do so in all cases because of eligibility for vaccine and supply.

Depending on whether they've gotten influenza vaccines in the past, some children younger than nine years of age may need two doses of vaccine spaced about four weeks apart. Because we will only be in each school one time, children may visit their primary health care provider for the second dose.

Also attached is a vaccine consent form for you to complete for your child to receive the flu vaccine at his/her school. If you would like for your child to receive the flu vaccine at school, please fill out the front and back of the accompanying form, sign it, and return it to your school nurse by the date listed in the chart below. Information collected will be provided to the Independence Health Department which in turn will be shared with Vaxcare for any billing needed. The health department will comply with all confidentiality requirements applicable under state and federal law, including, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (attached) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99). By signing and returning the attached consent form, you are specifically consenting to the release of the information you provide about your student to the Independence Health Department and, if applicable, to Vaxcare. The attached form will be forwarded directly to Independence Health Department and will not be maintained by Independence School District.

To complete the Payment Information section of the consent form, here's what you need to do:

- If your child has Medicaid, please complete the form and provide their Medicaid number and plan name for billing purposes in the area on the form indicating Medicaid.

- If your child is not Medicaid eligible, please complete the form and indicate if your child has an eligible insurance listed on the form that will pay for the flu vaccine and provide all the insurance information. Please review your plan to be sure you have coverage for vaccines.
- If your child is not eligible for Medicaid or private insurance, please indicate on the form in the “NO INSURANCE” box.

Please visit the CDC’s influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/> and also <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/parents> for more information especially for parents. Your child’s health care provider also can answer your questions about the influenza virus.

If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccination clinics, please call the Independence Health Department at 816-325-7185 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

City of Independence Health Department
Communicable Disease and Immunization

School	Consent form due back to school	Clinic date*
Benton, Bryant	September 8	September 29
Procter, Sugar Creek	September 9	September 30
Glendale, Blackburn	September 10	October 1
Santa Fe Trail, Luff	September 11	October 2
Ott, Wm Southern	September 15	October 6
Randall, Spring Branch	September 16	October 7
Fairmount, Mallinson	September 17	October 8
Three Trails, Korte	September 22	October 13
Mill Creek, Little Blue	September 23	October 14
Sycamore Hills	September 24	October 15
Indep Academy, Pioneer Ridge	September 25	October 16
Bingham, Bridger	September 29	October 20
Nowlin, William Chrisman	September 30	October 21
Truman, Van Horn	October 1	October 22
Hanthorn, Sunshine	October 2	October 23

*Dates are subject to change based on vaccine availability.