October 9, 2023

Dear Parent,

The Department of Health offers seasonal influenza vaccine for children aged 6 months through 18 years. Influenza vaccination helps protect children from the flu and its complications and decreases the spread of influenza in the community, as children are often the biggest spreaders of the disease to adults and other children.

An influenza vaccination clinic for school-age children will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 starting at approximately 9:00 am at the Hanson School.



The Department of Health now bills insurance for influenza vaccine

Vaccine provided to children covered by Medicaid or private insurance will be billed to those insurances

If your child has coverage, a copy of the Medicaid or insurance card must be provided along with the completed flu consent form.

*Children not covered by Medicaid or private insurance qualify for vaccination through a federal vaccine program.

Please make a copy of the front and back of the child's Medicaid or insurance card and attach to the flu consent form. Return to school no later than Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Flu shots cannot be given without this paperwork filled out and a copy of the Medicaid or Insurance card if applicable.

If you have questions please contact Deb Wollman or Lisa McManus at 605-239-4417

Hanson County Community Health Office South Dakota Department of Health 720 5th Street Alexandria, SD 57311

2023-2024 INACTIVATED INFLUENZA CONSENT FORM

Information about person to be vaccinated (please print)	Assessment of vaccination history for child under age 9
Last Name: Age: Sex:MF	Child will need 2nd dose
First Name: Date of Birth:	Additional information needed
Race:Language:	
Ethnicity:Hispanic or LatinoNon Hispanic or Latino	
Mailing Address: Zip:	Clinic :
City: Phone #:	Hanson County Community Health
For child - Please Print	720 5th St., Alexandria, SD 57311
Parent's Name:	(605) 239-4417
For child being vaccinated at school based clinic Grade School	
The South Dakota Immunization Information System (SDIIS) is an automated system to document vaccinations given in South Dakota. SDIIS will give parents access to their child's immunization record from any participating South Dakota provider. SDIIS also allows providers to send reminder notices regarding needed immunizations. Health care providers, health care facilities, federal or state agencies, welfare agencies, school or family day care facilities may have access to this information in accordance with applicable HIPAA Privacy Act standards and requirements. Immunization records remain confidential, and any person who fails to protect the information is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. If you choose not to have the record of this immunization shared with other providers, you may request a refusal form.	
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VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENT

Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): What you need to know

Many vaccine information statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/vis

Hojas de información sobre vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite www.immunize.org/vis

1. 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 and older, pregnant people, 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.

In an average 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.

2. Influenza vaccines

CDC recommends everyone 6 months 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 the influenza viruses believed to be 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.

3. Talk with your health care provider

Tell your vaccination provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has had an allergic reaction after a previous dose of influenza vaccine, or has any severe, lifethreatening allergies
- Has ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (also called "GBS")

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

Influenza vaccine can be administered at any time during pregnancy. People who are or will be pregnant during influenza season should receive inactivated influenza vaccine.

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.



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4. Risks of a vaccine reaction

- Soreness, redness, and swelling where the shot is given, fever, muscle aches, and headache can happen after influenza vaccination.
- 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 members 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. Claims regarding alleged injury or death due to vaccination have a time limit for filing, which may be as short as two years. Visit the VICP website at <u>www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation</u> or call 1-800-338-2382 to learn about the program and about filing a claim.

7. How can I learn more?

- Ask your health care provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Visit the website of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for vaccine package inserts and additional information at www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - Call 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO) or
 - Visit CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/flu.