



KEEP FLU OUT!
Protect yourself, your family and
those you love!

**The Northeast Tennessee
Region and the Johnson County
Health Department in
partnership with the Johnson
County Schools will again offer
an In-School Influenza (Flu)
Vaccination Program in the fall
of 2015.**

Who is eligible?

Students (Kindergarten through 12th grades) and school staff will be able to receive seasonal flu vaccine at in-school clinics.

What's happening?

Seasonal influenza vaccine will be available in schools through a partnership between the school and the health department. This year's vaccine will provide protection against the strain experts feel will be circulating.

Health Department nurses vaccinate children and staff using two types of influenza vaccine:

- Injectable vaccine - this is the traditional vaccine, the "flu shot"
- FluMist® - a nasal spray vaccine approved for most people between 2 and 49 years of age

Where will the vaccine clinics be held?

The program includes one or two visits to public elementary, middle, and high schools.

- 1st visit – for the first flu vaccination clinic at all schools
- 2nd visit – for the second dose for previously unvaccinated children younger than nine years old

When will vaccine clinics be held?

The first clinics will be scheduled after the health department receives vaccines (usually mid to late fall), and the second clinics should occur by January.

Permission slips for your child to receive flu vaccine at an in-school clinic will be sent home at the beginning of the 2015/2016 school year.

The goal of the school flu vaccination program is to decrease the impact of seasonal flu in our communities and to decrease school absenteeism by providing flu vaccines to school children and staff. An additional benefit is the enhanced community emergency preparedness that can occur by routinely holding school vaccination clinics.

For additional information contact the County Health Department at 423-727-9731.