



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
P.O. Box 3378
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801-3378
April 8, 2009

Dear Principal:

The Department of Health (DOH), in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools, and the Hawai'i Catholic Schools, will again be conducting the "Stop Flu at School" program to provide statewide childhood influenza vaccination for the 2009-10 flu season. Free influenza vaccinations (both the injectable [flu shot] and the intranasal flu spray [FluMist®] formulations) will be offered to consenting students and staff at elementary and middle schools statewide between October and December 2009.

Similar to last year, there will be only ONE clinic per school. Students needing a 2nd dose of flu vaccine will need to visit their doctor's office. If your school chooses to participate, your school will be asked to provide:

- A staff member to communicate with the DOH School Flu Project Coordinator to schedule the vaccination clinic date
 - Immunization clinics will be held BETWEEN OCTOBER 14 – DECEMBER 18, 2009
 - DOH staff will contact participating schools in the upcoming months to schedule clinics.
 - Because of the number of schools participating, once a clinic date is set, it cannot be rescheduled
- A **LARGE** space (e.g. gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria) for a 4-hour vaccination clinic
- Assistance with dissemination and collection of written consent materials for all students
 - Projected CONSENT material DISTRIBUTION DATE: AUGUST 3, 2009
 - Projected CONSENT material COLLECTION DATE: AUGUST 31, 2009
- Assistance with notifying parents of the date and time of scheduled vaccination clinics
- Assistance with escorting consenting students to and from the vaccination clinics
- If a parent changes his/her mind after submitting their child's consent form, please inform them to come to the school to retrieve their child's consent form to avoid their child being vaccinated at the school clinic.

During the 2008-09 flu season, 90% of schools statewide (n=337) participated in this program, and over 62,000 students and 9,000 faculty/staff were vaccinated. We hope your school will participate this coming year. To sign up, please visit <http://vaxresponse.doh.hawaii.gov>, or you may complete the enclosed form and fax it to (808) 586-8302 **BY APRIL 27, 2009**. If you have any questions, please contact Carl Chu, PharmD at (808) 586-8329.

We look forward to working together to protect the health of Hawai'i's children and school staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Y. Park".

Sarah Y. Park, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Chief, Disease Outbreak Control Division

Enclosure



“Stop Flu at School”

Hawaii’s School-based Influenza Vaccination Program 2009-2010

Yes My school would like to participate in the free “Stop Flu at School” influenza (flu) vaccination program

No My school chooses not to participate
Please let us know the reason(s): _____

School Name		Phone	Fax
Address (Street)		City	Zip
Contact Information		Phone	Email
Principal's Name:		Ext:	
School Liaison for this Project:		Ext:	
Estimated School Enrollment	Grade Levels	Estimated Total Enrollment (Number of Students)	Estimated Total Number of Faculty/Staff
Please list (in priority order) dates between October 14 and December 18, 2009 when you would <u>like</u> the vaccination clinic to be scheduled at your school		1. 2. 3. 4.	

Principal's Signature

Date

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