

## Frequently Asked Questions about Flu Vaccine Day in Our School

### **Is it ever too late to get flu vaccine?**

Peak flu activity usually occurs in February. Getting vaccinated, even into late January, offers your child protection against the flu.

### **What if I change my mind after signing the consent form?**

If you want to cancel your child's vaccine after you consented, **call (585) 753-5150 or email [immclinic@monroecounty.gov](mailto:immclinic@monroecounty.gov) at least 24 hours before the clinic date.**

### **Will my child be forced to receive the flu vaccine on clinic day if they don't want it?**

No, if your child is too fearful or uncooperative, the nurse may be unable to give your child the vaccine. This is very rare. Most children will cooperate with the nurse with some reassurance.

### **Will I be contacted if my child is refusing vaccine?**

No. So many children will be getting vaccinated, calls will not be made to parents to try to talk to their child into getting the vaccine on clinic day. A notice will be sent home with your child.

### **How will my child's doctor know that my child got the vaccine?**

The vaccine will be put into your child's online NY immunization registry record for the doctor to see. Also, you may bring your doctor the vaccine record that we will give your child.

### **What if my child has a vaccine side effect?**

Serious side effects are rare.

- *At the clinic:* Nurses giving the vaccine will stay at the school in case of immediate side effects. If your child has an allergic reaction, proper care will be provided and you will be notified.
- *At home:* If side effects come up at home, you should contact your child's doctor. If you feel it is an emergency, call 911.

### **How many doses of flu vaccine does my child need?**

Children need 2 doses if they are younger than 9 years old and never had a flu vaccine before.

Certain children need 2 doses if they are younger than 9 years old and did have a flu vaccine before. If the Monroe County Health Department nurse finds that your child does need a second dose, he/she will give your child a note to bring home to you.

SKIPP will give each child only one flu vaccine at school. If your child needs a second flu vaccine or you are not sure, please contact your child's doctor.

### **Who will give the vaccine?**

Nurses from the Monroe County Department of Public Health will give the vaccine. They have a lot of experience giving vaccines to children.

### **Will I be billed?**

- Insurance information will be collected on the consent form. The cost of the vaccine will be covered by health insurance just as it is at your child's doctor's office.
- Your child can get the flu vaccine even if he/she does not have health insurance. A federal program (Vaccines for Children) will pay for the vaccine.

**For more information** please call the SKIPP team at: (585) 753-5150