

The COVENTRY school district will host 2 evening flu clinics for the 2016-17 school year.

Here is the schedule:

Night #1 Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School-HOSTING in the Media Center Tuesday, October 25, 2016 from 4 -6:30 PM to vaccinate Students, Staff/Faculty and Family Members (ages 3+)

Night #2 Coventry High School-HOSTING in the cafeteria Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 4-6:30 PM to vaccinate Students, Staff/Faculty & Family Members (ages 3+)

ALL SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND EITHER NIGHT

In order for there to be enough vaccines on hand, it is requested that you please register on-line at:

www.thewellcomp.com

scroll down to the middle of the page

underneath "register now" you will see **Flu**; click on **Flu**

on next page you'll see a photo of a mom with two children

go to the 4th bullet down and click on "**school flu program**"

on next page you simply choose the school that you want to get vaccinated at

ASFMS= Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle of Coventry

Or

Coventry High School

*if for some reason you miss the on-line registration for either night, you can still attend and fill out paperwork when you arrive prior to getting vaccinated

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *How do parents register their children for flu vaccinations?*

Daytime clinics: Register online at www.thewellcomp.com/school or fill out the consent form attached to the flier and return the form to the school nurse. Evening clinics: Register online at www.thewellcomp.com/school or complete a consent form at the clinic

2. *What if students/families cannot attend the flu clinics scheduled at their school?*

Families are invited to attend any other evening school-located clinic in the state.

3. *Where can I find a list of all clinics?*

A complete schedule of clinics can be found at www.health.ri.gov/flu.

4. *What are the 2016-2017 Influenza Vaccine Strains?*

The A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus, A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)-like virus, and B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus (B/Victoria lineage), with the addition of B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata lineage), for the Quadrivalent vaccine.

Flumist nasal spray flu vaccine will not be available this year. CDC reported that Flumist has shown lower-than-expected effectiveness this past year; therefore, it is not recommended for the 2016-2017 season. Recent studies have shown that the injectable vaccine (flu shot) is most effective at protecting against the flu. To ensure that your child gets the best protection possible, only the flu shot will be available. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

5. *Is there a fee to receive a flu vaccine at a school-located clinic?*

There is no out-of-pocket cost for anyone. People with health insurance are asked to bring their insurance cards, but there is NO health insurance requirement. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance.

6. *Who is the school liaison and what is his/her role?*

Your school liaison is a representative from your school staff (usually a school nurse or principal) who will be the single point-of-contact for RIDOH regarding the school's flu vaccination clinic. This individual will receive a toolkit 3-4 weeks before the scheduled clinic with specific guidance for clinic promotion and management.

7. *What will school personnel be asked to do to help flu clinics run smoothly?*

Daytime clinics only: School nurses will be asked to collect signed consent forms from



students. School nurses are NOT expected to review these consent forms. School nurses will be provided with a pre-paid envelope and should return completed consent forms to The Wellness Company at least 2 weeks before their scheduled clinic date. The Wellness Company will combine these forms with all online registrations and send a roster to the school nurse.

All clinics: Volunteer personnel are welcome to manage the flow of clinic traffic, greet families, and observe students after they receive their vaccine.

8. *Is there a mandatory wait time after vaccination?*

Yes, everyone is asked to wait 10 minutes after their vaccination in case of an adverse reaction.

At night, parents should watch their children and go back to the nurse if their child has a reaction to the vaccine. During daytime clinics, schools will monitor students using volunteer staff. The Wellness Company will be providing small round stickers for daytime clinics again this year to document the time the child was vaccinated.

9. *Will pregnant students be vaccinated in schools?*

No. Flu vaccine will be available for pregnant girls in obstetricians' offices.

10. *Can children with asthma be vaccinated in schools?*

Yes.

11. *How will home-schooled children be vaccinated?*

Home-schooled children may attend any school-located vaccination clinic.

12. *Who should receive 2 doses of flu vaccine?*

Some children under the age of 9 may need a second dose of flu vaccine. A healthcare provider can advise on whether a child should receive 2 doses of flu vaccine. Note: the school-located flu vaccination (SLV) program does not provide 2nd doses of flu vaccine. If a child has already received the 1st dose (from the program or elsewhere – provider, pharmacy, etc.), he/she will need to get the 2nd dose in a provider's office.

