Frequently asked questions

Is this program required?
No. The In-School Immunization Program is optional and families are under no obligation to participate. If you return a signed consent and later change your mind, you can call the school nurse or program office, and your child can easily be removed from the program.

What is the program providing?
We are providing all age-appropriate vaccines including, seasonal influenza, to children in Denver Public Schools.

- For all-vaccine clinics, there will be three clinic visits during the 2015 – 2016 school year. These occur in October, January and April.

Clinic dates are scheduled to accommodate the appropriate spacing to provide the full HPV vaccine series for girls and boys at the approved times.

When do I have to sign up to participate?
You may return a signed consent at any time and your child will be seen at the next clinic visit. You do not have to sign up for the first clinic to participate. You can participate at a later clinic if you wish.

Reminders will be sent home to all families approximately two weeks prior to each clinic.

Will nasal flu mist be available?
We will have nasal flu mist for children who are eligible to receive it. Parents of all children may provide us a preference for influenza vaccine, either injection or nasal mist, and we will reach out to them if we cannot honor the request.

Why should my child get his/her vaccines at school?
- It’s easy and convenient for you.
- You do not have to take time off of work to take your child to the doctor, and your child is out of class for a shorter amount of time. (An average of 13 minutes.)
- You will receive an updated vaccine record and vaccines will be entered into the state’s vaccination registry.

Who will give the vaccines to my child? Do I have to be present for my child to participate?
Licensed nurses will be giving all vaccines. Parents do not need to be present at the clinics, but are welcome to attend with their child.

Is this program free?
The program is being conducted and carried out at no additional cost to the families.
We have insurance. Will I still have to pay my co-pay if my child gets his/her vaccines at school?  
No, you will not have to pay your co-pay and should not receive a bill from Denver Health. This will count toward your deductible. If you receive a bill, call the Denver’s In-School Immunization Program office at (303) 602-3688 and they will correct the error.

Can my child participate if I do not have insurance?  
Yes, this program is open to all students, regardless of insurance status.

What if I do not know what my child needs?  
The school nurse will review your child’s vaccine record with the Denver Health nursing coordinator to confirm exactly what your child needs. Your child will only receive the vaccine(s) he/she needs.

We will not vaccinate your child for anything you have not consented to. Parents may also opt-in for specific vaccines for their children.

Will I get a record of my child’s vaccines?  
Yes, we will give you a record before the end of the school year. Your child’s doctor can also obtain the record from the State Vaccination Registry.

Do I have to sign the consent today? What do I do with it when I complete it?  
You do not have to complete the forms today. You can send the packet in to the school nurse office when it is completed.

If you do not have your insurance information on hand, you can make a copy of your insurance card and send it to the school nurse’s office later with a note attached, stating that you are participating in the immunization program. Fill out as much as you can on the insurance page and be sure to sign both pages and answer all of the health questions.

14. Can parents, or other children not enrolled at the school participate?  
This program is open to students in the selected schools only. Unfortunately, it is not open to siblings, family members, or the community.

15. Will you be giving HPV vaccine to boys?  
Yes for all children ages 11 and older.