

ATTENTION PARENTS

Flu vaccination is the primary method of preventing the flu. Please take a minute to read the following in order to adequately prepare your child against the flu.

We recommend flu vaccination for every child to prevent hospitalization and to diminish the rare but serious consequences of serious flu illness. Vaccination also extends protection to their contacts, especially senior citizens.

However, if your child:

1. is 6 months to 23 months,
2. has a medical condition such as asthma, reactive airway disease, wheezing, or other chronic medical condition such as heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, immune suppression, HIV, diabetes, sickle cell disease, neurological disorder, seizure disorder, etc.,
3. is on chronic aspirin therapy,
4. is a household contact of an infant under age 6 months,

Then he is at increased risk for serious illness from the flu.

We strongly recommend he receive a flu vaccination.

We usually get our flu vaccines around September to November. Please come in for a flu vaccine or plan on receiving one if your child's check-up is during that time.

For an exhaustive review of this refer to:

<http://www.cdc.com/od/oc/media/pressrel/ro60223.htm>