


**Cumberland Plateau Health District in
Partnership with
Tazewell County Schools**

“SEE YA LATER, FLU-A-GATOR”

**In- School Influenza Vaccination
Program: Year 4
2010/2011 Flu Season**

 **Who is eligible?**

Students and school staff will be able to receive seasonal flu vaccine at in-school clinics.

 **What's happening?**

Seasonal influenza vaccine will be available in school through a partnership between the school and the health department. This year's seasonal vaccine provides protection against A/H1N1 (pandemic) influenza and two other influenza viruses – influenza A/H3N2 and influenza B.

- Two types of influenza vaccine will be offered:
 - Injectable vaccine – this is the traditional vaccine, the “flu shot.”
 - FluMist® – a nasal spray vaccine approved for most people between 2 and 49 years of age.
- Health department nurses vaccinate children with assistance from school staff and volunteers.

 **Where will the vaccine clinics be held?**

The program includes one or two visits to public primary, elementary, middle and high schools, and to participating private schools and colleges.

- 1st visit – for the first flu vaccination clinic at all schools.
- 2nd visit – for 2nd vaccine dose for previously unvaccinated children younger than nine years of age.

 **When will vaccine clinics be held?**

The first clinics will be scheduled shortly after the health department receives vaccine (usually sometime between September and November), and the second clinics should occur by January.

 **How much will it cost?**

The vaccine will be FREE OF CHARGE this year only, and only at school-based clinics. The Health Department received funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to provide free vaccine for school-based clinics this year. Please provide your health insurance information (if you have Medicare, Medicaid, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield or FAMIS) to help us recover the cost of running the clinic. You will not have any out-of-pocket expense.

The goal of the Flu-a-gator program is to decrease the impact of seasonal influenza in our communities and to decrease school absenteeism by providing flu vaccines to school children and staff. An additional benefit is the enhanced community emergency preparedness that can occur by routinely holding school based vaccination clinics.

