



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

**“SEE YA LATER, FLU-A-GATOR”**

**In-School Influenza Vaccination  
Program: Year 5  
2011/2012 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 3 strains of the virus: A/H1N1 (pandemic), 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, colleges and professional colleges.

- 1<sup>st</sup> visit – for the first flu vaccination clinic at all schools.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> visit – for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 is **free** to VVFC (Virginia Vaccines for Children) eligible children (uninsured, Native American, and Native Alaskan children).
- The Health Department will accept payments from insurance companies or payers with which the Virginia Department of Health has a billing arrangement, including Medicaid, Medicare, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, FAMIS.
- Otherwise, both types of vaccine (injectable or nasal spray) will cost \$20.00 per dose.

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.

