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Our 2018-2019 Flu Vaccine Clinic Information

The Federal health authorities have recommended yearly flu vaccines for all persons over the age of 6 months. The annual flu vaccine is **SAFE, EFFECTIVE, and NECESSARY for ALL**. Both Drs. Concannon & Vitale **ABSOLUTELY recommend the flu vaccine for all of their patients over 6 months** as well. Know that each of us, our families (children, too), and all of our staff have also received the annual flu vaccine in order to protect ourselves...and your children.

We will be operating our annual flu immunization clinics throughout this fall on selected afternoons, especially. **ONLY the Flu shot will be recommended again this year as the FluMist nasal spray was found to be less effective and had more annoying side effects.** 9 out of 10 of our teen patients, when offered a choice, preferred the Flu shot which was virtually painless.

Due to the large number of patients to be given the vaccine, please understand that **NO other exams or problem discussions can be performed** during these special flu immunization **ONLY** clinics. Please call our office at **943-7337** to schedule a slot in the Flu Clinic. If your child is somehow ill at these times, please call to reschedule, as we will not give the flu shot to a child who is otherwise ill.

Patients over the age of 3 may be given this vaccine by our Medical Assistants, Marianela or Stacy.

Children less than 3 years old or patients with chronic conditions **should be given an appointment during regular office hours** for their flu shot **by the doctor or nurse practitioner**. During these visits a brief medical exam will be conducted and any applicable **visit co-pays will be charged** as required. Please call our office at **943-7337** to schedule an appointment.

Note that if your child is less than 9 years of age and has NEVER received a flu vaccine before, they should receive two doses this year, one month apart. Those people who are **truly** allergic to eggs should still receive their flu immunization as the CDC has declared it safe even in patients that are allergic to eggs.

For parents and other household members, it is essential that they receive their flu vaccines as well. Flu vaccines will be available through your doctor, some public clinics, and at local pharmacies such as CVS, and Walgreens, etc.

Please click here to access the [Vaccine Information Statement for the Flu Shot](#). This vaccine information statement is available in each of our exam rooms, and at anytime on line at our websites, DrVitale.com or DrConcannon.com.