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## Our 2020-2021 Flu Vaccine Clinic Information

In this horrible year of COVID19, it is all the more important that all patients are immunized against the flu. COVID19 and influenza symptoms can be similar. We can **help avoid the confusion** by having had the flu vaccine.

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 clinic** in our office on on **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** and October 17<sup>th</sup> between **10 am to 12 noon**. Flu vaccines will also be offered on select afternoons as administered by our medical assistants.

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 visits. 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.

We have not yet been issued a supply of the nasal spray FluMist this year **which had more annoying side effects**. In our experience, when offered a choice, 9 out of 10 of our teen patients preferred the Flu shot which was virtually painless in most cases.

Patients over the age of 3 may be given this vaccine by either **physician**, our **nurse practitioner** Marissa, one of our **medical assistants**, or by our guest **pharmacist**, Matt Vitale, R. Ph (who happens to be Dr. Vitale's husband). Due to clinic numbers we cannot give you a choice of immunization provider.

Children less than 2 years old or patients with chronic conditions **should be given an appointment during regular office hours** for their flu shot **by a physician 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](http://DrVitale.com) or [DrConcannon.com](http://DrConcannon.com)**. You must **acknowledge that you have reviewed this information** before your child will be allowed to receive the flu shot.

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