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**Flu Vaccine Offered at Houston County Schools
*Free for Children***

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – For the fourth consecutive year, the Houston County Health Department is offering a free flu vaccine on school campuses for children. This vaccine is available at 40 public school sites between **Dec. 5. and Jan. 31.**

Parents of elementary school children are encouraged to be present for the vaccination. Any parent is welcome at the vaccine clinic. Consent forms will be sent home to parents. The schedule for this year is shown below for the 38 elementary, middle and high schools.

Flu Vaccine Schedule		
Elementary Schools	Date	Time
Kings Chapel Elementary	Dec. 5	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Tucker Elementary	Dec. 5	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Morningside Elementary	Dec. 6	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Matt Arthur Elementary	Dec. 6	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Perry Primary	Dec. 7	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
David Perdue Elementary	Dec. 7	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Lindsey Elementary	Dec. 8	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Quail Run Elementary	Dec. 8	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Bonaire Elementary	Dec. 9	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Russell Elementary	Dec. 9	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Shirley Hills Elementary	Dec. 12	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Hilltop Elementary	Dec. 12	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
David Perdue Primary	Dec. 13	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Linwood Elementary	Dec. 13	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Lake Joy Primary	Dec. 15	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Parkwood Elementary	Dec. 15	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Westside Elementary	Jan. 9	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Eagle Spring Elementary	Jan. 9	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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Elementary Schools	Date	Time
Northside Elementary	Jan. 10	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Pearl Stephens Elementary	Jan. 10	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Miller Elementary	Jan. 11	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Centerville Elementary	Jan. 11	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Lake Joy Elementary	Jan. 12	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
High Schools	Date	Time
Northside High	Jan. 17	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tabor Academy	Jan. 17	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Warner Robins High	Jan. 19	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Rumble Academy	Jan. 19	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Houston County High	Jan. 20	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
HC Career Academy	Jan. 20	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Veterans High	Jan. 23	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Perry High	Jan. 23	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Middle Schools	Date	Time
Warner Robins Middle	Jan. 25	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Bonaire Middle	Jan. 25	12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Perry Middle	Jan. 26	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Northside Middle	Jan. 26	12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Feagin Mill Middle	Jan. 27	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Mossy Creek Middle	Jan. 27	12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Huntington Middle	Jan. 30	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
HC Crossroads Center	Jan. 30	1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Thomson Middle	Jan. 31	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

According to Kathryn Shiplett, R.N., lead nurse for the Houston County Board of Education, “This is a wonderful opportunity for our students. Our past campaigns have proven that absenteeism rates and ER visits were reduced as a direct result of the large numbers of our citizens receiving the flu vaccine. A special thanks to Chris Sikes R.N., and Paula McAllister, R.N., who lead the drive for a healthy Houston.”

Flu vaccines will be available for teachers and staff, but will not be free unless they have Medicare, Medicaid, Peach Care, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia or United Health Care. During the 2010-2011 flu season, approximately 6,500 free flu vaccines were given on school campuses.

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