



# OSF<sup>®</sup> HEALTHCARE

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

We want to help you take an item off your school supply list: a flu vaccine. Influenza, commonly known as the flu is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs caused by influenza viruses. The flu can be very dangerous, especially for children. *Each year over 125 children die from the flu; almost half of them were previously healthy children with no prior illness.* The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone over the age of six months to get a flu vaccine every season.

One of the most common reasons that people do not get the flu shot is because they believe it causes illness including the flu. That is a myth; the flu vaccine does not cause the flu and is safe for children and adults.

OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center will be offering **FREE** flu vaccinations for all school age youth in Kewanee during the school day. In order for your child to receive a **FREE** flu vaccine, your consent is required. Please sign and return the attached consent form allowing your child to receive a flu vaccine. When the vaccination dates are scheduled, you will be notified.

Everyday steps can be taken to help prevent the spread of germs including:

- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- Staying away from people who are sick.
- Washing hands with soap and water. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoiding contact with your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- If someone at home is sick, keep the sick person in a separate room from others in the home.
- Keeping surfaces like tables, counters, toys and doorknobs clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant.

We are pleased to offer a **FREE** flu vaccine for your child this school year. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse. Together, we can give our students the very best chance to succeed and remain healthy!

Sincerely,

Jackie Kernan  
President

# OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center

## Screening and Consent for Influenza Vaccination – Inactivated

Complete questions 1-5 on this form

Legal Birth Name:	Date of Birth:
Doctor:	School:
Grade:	Teacher:

**YES    NO**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Are you allergic to eggs or egg products?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Are you allergic to Thimerosal (a preservative) other than contact lens sensitivity?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Have you ever had Guillian-Barre Syndrome within 6 weeks of taking a flu shot?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Have you ever had a previous adverse reaction to the influenza vaccine?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. If the student is less than 8 years old, is this the first dose?

### Influenza Vaccination Consent

I have read and understand the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) published on 8/6/2021.  
 I have been given an opportunity to ask questions, which were answered to my satisfaction.  
 I believe that I understand the benefits and risks of taking the flu vaccine, and I request that the vaccine be given to me or to the person named for whom I am authorized to sign.  
 I verify that I am not allergic to eggs and that I have not had a serious allergic reaction associated with the flu vaccination in the past.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Manufacturer: _____	Lot #: _____	Exp. Date: _____
Site: _____	Dose: 0.5ml    0.25ml	Temp _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____	

# Kewanee School District

## 2023 School Flu Clinic Schedules

Tuesday October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday October 5 <sup>th</sup>
Lyle AM Irving Lyle PM  <span style="color: red;">Consents due by September 28<sup>th</sup></span>	Neponset  <span style="color: red;">Consents due by September 29<sup>th</sup></span>	Belle  <span style="color: red;">Consents due by September 29<sup>th</sup></span>
Thursday October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday November 10 <sup>th</sup>
Central KHS  <span style="color: red;">Consents due by October 9<sup>th</sup></span>	Make-up date All schools	2 <sup>nd</sup> Doses & Make-up date

Missing the consent form? Scan the QR Code below with your cell phone or visit <https://www.kcud229.org/nurses/osf-screening-and-consent-for-influenza-vaccine-form>, and it will take you to the electronic form on the Kewanee School Nurses Webpage.

