

Leawood Pediatrics Influenza Vaccine 2016-2017

PARENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ***When should patients receive the vaccine?*** The most recent information states that influenza vaccine lasts approximately one year. Leawood Pediatrics recommends following the CDC's guidelines and vaccinating as soon as possible. Our website and Facebook will be updated with vaccine availability.
- ***Which type of vaccine should patients receive?*** Leawood Pediatrics will only be offering injectable preservative-free influenza vaccines (shots) this year. The ACIP and AAP have recommended that live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), also known as the "nasal spray" flu vaccine (FluMist), should **not** be used during the 2016-2017 flu season. It is still recommend to receive an annual flu vaccination. Parents can visit our website or go to www.cdc.gov/flu for the most up to date information.
- ***When will Leawood Pediatrics receive the vaccine?*** Most likely we will not know when our shipments will arrive. We will update our website and Facebook page as vaccine becomes available.
- ***What vaccines do Leawood Pediatrics have available?*** Leawood Pediatrics ordered Infant/Toddler Quadrivalent Fluzone PF (shot) for infants 6 months to 35 months of age and regular Quadrivalent Fluzone/Fluarix PF (shot) for ages 3 and up.
- ***Can a parent/caregiver receive the vaccine?*** Unfortunately, supply ran low and slow last year. We need to be able to provide this vaccine to as many of our young patients as possible, so we will **not** be able to give to parents or caregivers. You can receive the vaccine from other sources, such as your employer, your primary care physician's office, Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, or Target.
- ***Can I schedule my children for their flu shot?*** We would be happy to give them the vaccine at any scheduled SSV or WV appointment; however, we will not schedule flu shot only appointments. Patients are welcome to come during our walk-in hours and will receive vaccine on a first come, first serve basis. Unfortunately, we are not able to hold vaccines, so we encourage our patients to vaccinate as soon as possible, once vaccine has arrived.
- ***If one of my children has a scheduled SSV or WV, can I bring siblings along to visit to receive their flu shot?*** Yes, the siblings will be scheduled on the nurse's schedule when they arrive with patient. Please be sure to tell the front desk you brought siblings who need the flu vaccine. Each child receiving the flu vaccine will need a vaccine consent form filled out.
- ***Do I have to fill out a vaccine consent form for each of my children?*** Because each child is unique, we do require a vaccine consent form to be filled out for each child.
- ***Can I fill out the vaccine consent form before arriving?*** Sure, the form is on our website at www.leawoodpediatrics.com
- ***Can my 16 year old receive the vaccine without a parent present?*** Yes, age of consent in Kansas is 16 years of age. Your child will have to fill out a vaccine consent from at the visit.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to call our office at 913-825-3627.