

# Leawood Pediatrics Influenza Vaccine 2015-2016

## 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.
- ***When will we 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.
- ***Which vaccine should my child get?*** There are several factors that determine this. One of our clinical staff will be happy to discuss this with you.
- ***What vaccines do we have available?*** We have ordered Quadrivalent FluMist (nasal vaccine) for children ages two and up, Infant Quadrivalent Fluzone (shot) for infants 6 months to 35 months and regular Quadrivalent Fluzone/FluLaval/Fluarix (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 this to parents or care givers. We can refer you to other sources, such as your employer, your primary care physician's office, Walgreen's, 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 appointment. Unfortunately we are not able to hold vaccines, so we encourage our patients to vaccinate as soon as possible once vaccine has arrived. Patients are welcome to come during our walk in hours and will receive vaccine on a first come, first serve basis.
- ***Do I have to fill out an authorization for each of my 3 children?*** Because each child is unique, we do require a form to be filled out for each child.
- ***Can I fill out the authorization form before arriving?*** Sure, the form is on our website at [www.LeawoodPediatrics.com](http://www.LeawoodPediatrics.com)
- ***Can my 16 year old receive the vaccine without a parent present?*** Yes, however, we are required to provide Vaccine Information Sheets to you by law. To do this, we would need to email a consenting parent the link to the VIS and the authorization form. From there you have two options, sign the consent and return it by hand delivery, fax or email (medicalrecords@leawoodpediatrics.com) or you can respond to the email with the following paragraph:
  - " I have read or have had explained to me the Vaccine Information Statement (dated: 08/19/2014) influenza and influenza vaccine. I have had a chance to ask questions that were answered to my satisfaction. I understand the benefits and risk of influenza vaccine and ask that the vaccine be given to the person named above for whom I am authorized to make this request (parent or guardian). I release Leawood Pediatrics from all liability related to the administration of this vaccine. " With your name and phone number below.

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