

## **Dr. Saneto's Flu Shot Recommendations for Patients and Household Contacts**

**The CDC has recommended the following doses of seasonal and H1N1 vaccine for children AND Dr. Saneto advises that all Mito kids and families follow these guidelines:**

### ***Seasonal flu vaccine:***

- **1 shot for children who are age 9 and over**
- **2 shots for children younger than 9 years of age who are getting the flu vaccine for the first time – or who got the influenza vaccine for the first time last season but got only one dose. They should receive the shots four weeks apart**

### ***H1N1 flu vaccine:***

- **1 shot for children 10 and over (and adults)**
- **2 shots for children younger than 10 years of age**

### **When and where will seasonal flu vaccinations be available to patients and their household contacts?**

Children's will start providing seasonal flu vaccinations to patients in early October. Eligible inpatients should get their vaccinations before discharge, and eligible outpatients should get their vaccinations during their clinic visits. If a clinic is unable to provide shots, patients can also go to the Flu Vaccine Room, which will be located next to the Giraffe Tully's in the former Giraffe Gift Shop. However, **the Flu Vaccine Room is primarily intended for household contacts and staff.**

### **Will patients be billed for their seasonal flu vaccinations?**

Yes. Any child who has been seen at Children's since Oct. 1, 2008 will be considered a patient and will be billed for their vaccinations. This also includes siblings who have been patients in this time period and who go to the Flu Vaccine Room. Siblings who have not been patients in this time period will not be billed. Flu vaccinations will be free for adult household contacts. (A "Household contact" is anyone who lives with the patient or spends 4 hours or more/week with the patient.)

### **When and where will seasonal flu vaccinations be available to the household contacts of our patients?**

Household contacts can get their flu vaccinations in the Flu Vaccine Room, which is located next to the Giraffe Tully's in the former Giraffe Gift Shop. We expect to open the Flu Vaccine Room in early October. This date is **NOT** definite because it depends on when our shipment of vaccine arrives.

**The Flu Vaccine Room will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

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