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2026-2027 School Based Flu Program
Ben Hill County Consent for Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To better protect each school's student body this flu season, Ben Hill County Health Department will offer the flu vaccine during school hours in the Fall. Participation in this program is completely voluntary. Your child's healthcare provider can also provide the flu vaccine to your child if you prefer to take him/her to their office.

For the 2026-2027 flu season, only the flu shot will be provided. The flu mist (nasal spray) will **not** be offered this flu season in the school based flu clinics. Please contact our office to make an appointment if you would like for your child to receive other immunizations besides the flu vaccine.

Visit www.cdc.gov/flu for more information on this type of vaccine or to view the Influenza Vaccine Information Statement. Based on Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, children up to 8 years of age may need a second vaccine approximately one month after receiving their first vaccine. Ben Hill County Health Department staff will return to the school to administer the second vaccine, if needed.

If we are unable to verify your child's immunizations in the Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions & Services (GRITS), we will be unable to administer the flu vaccine to your child. This is to ensure he/she does not receive the flu vaccine twice.

If you would like for your child to receive the flu vaccine while at school and he/she has health insurance, we will bill your insurance provider. If your child does not have insurance, he/she can still get the vaccine.

For your child to participate in the program, you must review and complete the School Based Influenza Vaccine Consent Form by **September 11, 2026**. Our Privacy Policy as well as the Vaccine Information Statement can be found online at www.southhealthdistrict.com/benhill.

Please contact your school nurse or the health department if you have any questions. We look forward to serving you soon!