

## **Flu Mist is Safe, Effective and Free\*!**

Attention Parents/Guardians:

Once again, it's time to register your child for Flu Mist. Flu Mist is an influenza vaccine that is a gentle mist sprayed into the nose. It's a safe and effective way of preventing the flu in your child and in the rest of your family.



\*All students will be offered the Flu Mist nasal spray vaccine at NO COST TO THEIR FAMILIES! However, if your child has health insurance, we are required to collect that information and bill the company for the vaccine. There will be no co-pay or deductible due. Children without insurance will receive the vaccine for free through the Vaccines for Children program. Your child's health insurance status will stay confidential.

**Take advantage of this program by:**

- **Reading** the Vaccine Information Statement and the Notice of Privacy **AND**
- **Filling out** the consent form, attached, and returning it to your child's school, fax to (352) 334-7947, or EMAIL it to; [SLIV@flhealth.gov](mailto:SLIV@flhealth.gov), within 14 days of receipt.  
**(Please note that e-mailing may not be a secure method of communication)**

**Home schooled and Virtual learning children may also receive the FluMist at the school on the scheduled date.**

Your school will let you know when your child will be receiving FluMist.

Staff will review your child's form to determine if s/he can receive FluMist. You will be contacted if your child is ineligible to receive the mist. If your child cannot get FluMist, we strongly recommend you arrange for a flu shot as soon as possible.

### **VACCINATING CHILDREN CAN PROTECT THEM AND YOUR FAMILY FROM FLU ALL YEAR**

- Vaccinating school children can stop the spread of flu infections, creating "**Community Immunity.**"
- The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine *every year.*
- The FluMist vaccine protects against four different types of flu.

***Please, complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to participate!***

**For more information, visit our website at [Controlflu.com](http://Controlflu.com) or contact the Health Department at (352) 334-7916.**