

[ANNOUNCING PEDIATRIC JUNCTION DRIVE-UP FLU CLINICS!](#)

Getting the annual flu vaccine has always been the most important way we can help protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our community from influenza. It saves lives, plain and simple. Please prioritize getting your family vaccinated! With COVID-19 continuing to spread, we must work together not only to protect ourselves but to decrease the number of flu cases this respiratory season so that healthcare systems can continue to provide the best care possible without being overwhelmed.

Please note the following regarding how flu clinics will work this year!

- There is not a shortage or delayed delivery of flu vaccines this year. However with 190 million doses needing distribution, supply can be unpredictable – especially for those with STATE insurance plans.
- **Flu vaccine will be given at regularly scheduled in-office appointments as well as drive-up in the parking lot by APPOINTMENT ONLY** as supply allows! Simply complete the form to book your family's flu clinic appointment!
- **Keep this letter! We will release appointment times every few weeks; you'll use the same link provided here, regardless of when you schedule. Both Private and State vaccine supply will be updated there.**
- Flu vaccines are for Pediatric Junction patients and family members only. Infants younger than 6 months old CANNOT receive flu vaccine.
- Insurance is filed for patients only; we do not file insurance for non-patients. The charge for adult family members is \$40.
- Screening for contraindications – including COVID exposure/symptoms/disease – is required ahead of time, as well as upon arrival. Although the flu vaccine can and should be given to persons when mildly ill, COVID exposure/symptoms/disease requires home quarantine. The CDC guidelines should be followed even in flu season to protect others including healthcare workers.
- Flu vaccines are best given in the medical home, but if you choose to receive it elsewhere, please let us know so we can update your record.

So how does it work?

1. Decide to prioritize the flu vaccine for the best protection and BOOK with the appointment form. One appointment per vehicle, please! (If your schedule requires you to have two vehicles here, please make two appointments.)
2. Prepare for your appointment by completing the vaccination and COVID screening that will be sent to you upon booking your spot. You will be asked to consent to insurance filing for patients and pay for non-patient vaccines as part of this process. One screen PER PERSON please!
3. Monitor for any contraindications to vaccination. If you develop moderate illness, you should postpone vaccination. If you develop signs of COVID, are exposed or tested for COVID, you must quarantine and reschedule. If you need to reschedule, contact us at the office by phone or SPRUCE. Our providers will ask that you book a virtual appointment to discuss the best plan for your child and your family should this occur.
4. **Arrive well and ready.** Text 512-575-2059 or message "flu clinic" in SPRUCE. By sending these 2 words ONLY your check-in process will begin! Save these instructions for your reference; they will also be included in appointment reminders.
5. Head home vaccinated! If your child is less than 9 years of age and is receiving their first EVER flu vaccine, a second vaccine is advised in 4 weeks. If you are the driver and receive the flu vaccine, a 15-minute waiting time in the parking lot is advised.

Please be patient with us; we expect the appointment schedule will change as we learn more about what works and what doesn't with this new process. [Click here to get started and schedule today!](#)