



PTA Local Leaders:

Keeping our children healthy is a year-round effort, but there are some times when a little extra care is needed. One way to ensure that the children in your schools and communities stay healthy is by offering them the opportunity to receive their influenza vaccination next flu season.

Each year over 38 million school days are missed due to influenza complications. Not only does the child miss school, but parents also often miss work to care for their children and school systems lose funding for those missed days. PTA, Flu Busters, Novartis Vaccines and *you* can work together to keep our children healthy and our schools strong! Our goal is to vaccinate 1 million children against influenza this next flu season. Help us reach our goal!

Your PTA can participate in the *Let's Fight Flu Together!* initiative by registering for an influenza vaccination clinic to be held at your school or community place now. Go to www.pta.org/flushotclinics for information on how to register. Registering today allows you to place the clinic on your school calendars and to choose a day that best fits your PTA schedule. Influenza vaccination clinics begin in September and can be held through January, 2010.

By hosting an influenza clinic, you are not only encouraging a healthier school environment, but you're also providing a community service. All community members can receive this influenza vaccination—it is not limited to just your school population.

PTAs across the country are planning now for the 2009-2010 school year, so don't miss this opportunity. Plan to participate in the *Let's Fight Flu Together!* initiative and help contribute to the healthy lifestyles of your entire community. With PTA's long history of supporting the health of America's youth, this is your chance to continue that legacy and our commitment to every child!

For more information, visit www.pta.org/flushotclinics or contact us at 800-307-4782.

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