

# NASHOBA ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF HEALTH 2017 FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE



## Flu Shot FAQs:

- We vaccinate anyone aged 6 months and up except anyone who has an egg allergy or has history of allergy to previous flu vaccines
- We do **not** offer pneumonia vaccines at the flu clinics
- We will have some High Dose vaccine for those aged 65 and up who may be interested
- Vaccine for those under 18 is preservative free
- There is NO live flu virus in flu shots. THEY CANNOT CAUSE THE FLU.
- There is no out of pocket expense unless a person does NOT have insurance or have their insurance card with them at time of clinic; in that case the cost is \$20
- There is no need to make an appointment, clinics are 'drop-in' style
- Residents are welcome to contact us to make an appointment for an office visit to get their flu shot

**This is a list of clinics that are confirmed as of 9/27/17**

**(anyone can attend any clinic but those closest to Devens are highlighted).**

Please check NABOH website for more information: [www.nashoba.org](http://www.nashoba.org) OR feel free to call :Tamara at: 978-772-3335 ext.340.

DATE	TOWN	CLINIC LOCATION	TIME	ADDRESS
9/26 Tuesday	Boxboro	Town Hall	10-12	29 Middle Rd
10/4 Wednesday	Dunstable	Library	10-12	588 Main St
10/4 Wednesday	Lancaster (Health Fair)	Community Center	2:30-6:30	39 Harvard Rd
10/5 Thursday	Berlin	First Parish Church	9:30-11	24 Central St
10/5 Thursday	Boxborough	Blanchard Memorial Elementary	3-6	493 Mass Ave
10/10 Tuesday	Littleton	Town Offices	10-12	33 Shattuck St
10/10 Tuesday	Pepperell	Nissitissit Middle School Cafeteria	3-6	33 Chace Ave.
10/11 Wednesday	Ayer	Library	2-6	26 East Main St
10/12 Thursday	Shirley	Senior Center	9-11	9 Parker Rd
10/13 Friday	Groton	Public Library	3-6	99 Main St.
10/14 Saturday	Stow	Community Center	10-1	509 Great Rd
10/16 Monday	Ashburnham (Health Fair)	Town Hall	10-12	32 Main St
10/17 Tuesday	Harvard	Senior Center (Hildreth House)	9-11	13 Ayer Rd
10/17 Tuesday	Bolton	Nashoba Regional High School (cafeteria)	3-6	12 Green Rd
10/18 Wednesday	Pepperell	Senior Center	10-12	37 Nashua Rd
10/18 Wednesday	Groton	Senior Center	1:30-3:30	163 West Main St
10/19 Thursday	Bolton	Safety Building	9-11	15 Wattaquadock Hill Rd
10/20 Friday	Littleton	Littleton Middle School Cafeteria	3-6	55 Russell St
10/24 Tuesday	Ashburnham	Oakmont Regional High School Cafeteria	3-6	9 Oakmont Dr.
10/25 Wednesday	Townsend	Library	2-6	12 Dudley Rd
10/26 Thursday	Lunenburg	Senior Center	9-11	25 Memorial Dr
10/26 Thursday	Ashby	Library	2-6	812 Main St

# Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): *What you need to know*

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis)

Hojas de información sobre vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis)

## 1 Why get vaccinated?

Influenza (“flu”) is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May.

Flu is caused by influenza viruses, and is spread mainly by coughing, sneezing, and close contact.

Anyone can get flu. Flu strikes suddenly and can last several days. Symptoms vary by age, but can include:

- fever/chills
- sore throat
- muscle aches
- fatigue
- cough
- headache
- runny or stuffy nose

Flu can also lead to pneumonia and blood infections, and cause diarrhea and seizures in children. If you have a medical condition, such as heart or lung disease, flu can make it worse.

Flu is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system are at greatest risk.

Each year **thousands of people in the United States die from flu**, and many more are hospitalized.

### Flu vaccine can:

- keep you from getting flu,
- make flu less severe if you do get it, and
- keep you from spreading flu to your family and other people.

## 2 Inactivated and recombinant flu vaccines

A dose of flu vaccine is recommended every flu season. Children 6 months through 8 years of age may need two doses during the same flu season. Everyone else needs only one dose each flu season.

Some inactivated flu vaccines contain a very small amount of a mercury-based preservative called thimerosal. Studies have not shown thimerosal in vaccines to be harmful, but flu vaccines that do not contain thimerosal are available.

There is no live flu virus in flu shots. **They cannot cause the flu.**

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against three or four viruses that are likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. But even when the vaccine doesn’t exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

Flu vaccine cannot prevent:

- flu that is caused by a virus not covered by the vaccine, or
- illnesses that look like flu but are not.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination, and protection lasts through the flu season.

## 3 Some people should not get this vaccine

Tell the person who is giving you the vaccine:

- **If you have any severe, life-threatening allergies.**

If you ever had a life-threatening allergic reaction after a dose of flu vaccine, or have a severe allergy to any part of this vaccine, you may be advised not to get vaccinated. Most, but not all, types of flu vaccine contain a small amount of egg protein.

- **If you ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (also called GBS).**

Some people with a history of GBS should not get this vaccine. This should be discussed with your doctor.

- **If you are not feeling well.**

It is usually okay to get flu vaccine when you have a mild illness, but you might be asked to come back when you feel better.



## 4 Risks of a vaccine reaction

With any medicine, including vaccines, there is a chance of reactions. These are usually mild and go away on their own, but serious reactions are also possible.

Most people who get a flu shot do not have any problems with it.

**Minor problems** following a flu shot include:

- soreness, redness, or swelling where the shot was given
- hoarseness
- sore, red or itchy eyes
- cough
- fever
- aches
- headache
- itching
- fatigue

If these problems occur, they usually begin soon after the shot and last 1 or 2 days.

**More serious problems** following a flu shot can include the following:

- There may be a small increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) after inactivated flu vaccine. This risk has been estimated at 1 or 2 additional cases per million people vaccinated. This is much lower than the risk of severe complications from flu, which can be prevented by flu vaccine.
- Young children who get the flu shot along with pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13) and/or DTaP vaccine at the same time might be slightly more likely to have a seizure caused by fever. Ask your doctor for more information. Tell your doctor if a child who is getting flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

**Problems that could happen after any injected vaccine:**

- People sometimes faint after a medical procedure, including vaccination. Sitting or lying down for about 15 minutes can help prevent fainting, and injuries caused by a fall. Tell your doctor if you feel dizzy, or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.
- Some people get severe pain in the shoulder and have difficulty moving the arm where a shot was given. This happens very rarely.
- Any medication can cause a severe allergic reaction. Such reactions from a vaccine are very rare, estimated at about 1 in a million doses, and would happen within a few minutes to a few hours after the vaccination.

As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a serious injury or death.

The safety of vaccines is always being monitored. For more information, visit: [www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/)

## 5 What if there is a serious reaction?

**What should I look for?**

- Look for anything that concerns you, such as signs of a severe allergic reaction, very high fever, or unusual behavior.

Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, and weakness. These would start a few minutes to a few hours after the vaccination.

**What should I do?**

- If you think it is a severe allergic reaction or other emergency that can't wait, call 9-1-1 and get the person to the nearest hospital. Otherwise, call your doctor.
- Reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Your doctor should file this report, or you can do it yourself through the VAERS web site at [www.vaers.hhs.gov](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov), or by calling **1-800-822-7967**.

*VAERS does not give medical advice.*

## 6 The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines.

Persons who believe they may have been injured by a vaccine can learn about the program and about filing a claim by calling **1-800-338-2382** or visiting the VICP website at [www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation](http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation). There is a time limit to file a claim for compensation.

## 7 How can I learn more?

- Ask your healthcare provider. He or she can give you the vaccine package insert or suggest other sources of information.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
  - Call **1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO)** or
  - Visit CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

Vaccine Information Statement  
Inactivated Influenza Vaccine

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