

Flu Roundup- Texas Size

Organizing and Developing A School Based Flu Vaccination Program

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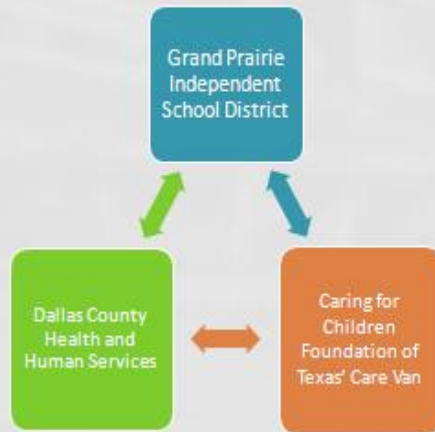
Objectives:

By the end of the presentation participants will be able to:

- Identify roles for community partners to establish a school based flu vaccination program
- Recognize the challenges a school flu based program presents
- Define objectives with measurable results
- Explore long range plans for continuation of school based flu vaccination program



Three community partners address absenteeism due to flu related illnesses in Grand Prairie ISD.



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Roles and responsibilities

- Grand Prairie ISD
 - Identified the need
 - Set up schedules for schools, parent liaisons, volunteers and school nurses
 - Prepared a script for school nurses and volunteers
 - Oversaw the day to day operation of clinics
 - Kept statistics of children immunized



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Roles and responsibilities



• Dallas County Health and Human Services

- Provided medical oversight and protocol
- Ordered supplies and vaccine
- Provided nurses to administer vaccine in 12 schools
- Printed forms for parents consent and immunization record cards



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Roles and responsibilities



• Caring for Children Foundation of Texas' Care Van

- Immunized children in 12 elementary schools and two pre-k campuses.
- Reported clinics statistics to Dallas County
- Provided make up visits for children who missed initial clinics
- Obtained additional funding for nurses, medical supplies transportation, etc.



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● Putting the Plan Into Action, 2010-2011

- Grand Prairie ISD set up 24 clinic dates and times, 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon.
- Clinics were split between Dallas County staff and Care Van staff
- Grand Prairie Health Coordinator worked with nurses, school principals on distributing cover letter, permission forms and vaccine information statements
- Time line set for return of forms and count of potential vaccine recipients for each immunization team



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● School Nurse

- Arranged location of flu clinic
- Coordinated volunteers who called parents concerning incomplete forms
- Printed labels with each child's name to be attached to child prior to clinic for identification
- Kept records of each child receiving vaccine
- Advised parent of any children who were not able to receive vaccine



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● Teacher's Role

- Collected permission slips and return to the school nurse
- Encouraged parents to participate through phone calls, PTA announcements etc
- On day of clinic placed name label on each child
- Escorted children to vaccination area
- Made sure children took home vaccination card



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• Getting the word out:

- Paperwork sent home with letter from school, intake form and VIS statement
- PTA announcements
- School website
- Phone message blasts
- School marquee
- Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up





HEALTH SERVICES
RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RISD - Where all students learn, grow and succeed.

Dear Parent:

In an effort to proactively reduce the number of lost instructional days due to illness during the influenza season, Richardson ISD is proud to announce a partnership with CareVan to provide free Flu vaccine at your campus during school hours. CareVan is a free immunization program for children who do not have health insurance that covers 100% of vaccination costs. Parents do not need to be at school during this clinic. Please refer below to the dates and times assigned to your school.

Parents of eligible children must complete and return the enclosed yellow consent form, *Dallas CareVan Immunization Outreach*, to the school by Tuesday, November 29, 2011. If this yellow form is not completely filled out, your child will not be able to get the flu immunizations. The yellow consent form is the only document in this packet that needs to be returned to the school. All the other forms are for your information and records.

Please be aware that most participating students will receive the inhaled FluMist vaccine; however, children with asthma or other significant health concerns are not eligible to receive the mist. These students will receive the traditional shot vaccine. The CareVan nurses will determine the best vaccine for your child based on the answers to the health questions on the yellow form. Information about the mist and shot, are enclosed with this letter for your review.

If you have any questions about flu vaccinations, please feel free to contact your child's school nurse or your pediatrician. Below are the dates and locations of the free Flu Vaccine Clinics. You do not need to do anything other than return the completed yellow consent form to your child's school to request that your child receive the free vaccination. Vaccinations will be given during the normal school day in an area set aside for this purpose.

CareVan Clinic Schedule:

DATE	SCHOOL	TIME
Monday, December 5, 2011	Forest Lane Academy	9:00 a.m.
Monday, December 5, 2011	Forestridge Elementary	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 6, 2011	Thurgood Marshall Elementary	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 6, 2011	Audelia Creek Elementary	11:30 a.m.

Phone: 469-593-7445 ~ Fax: 469-593-7407 ~ 701 W. Belt Line Rd, Richardson, TX 75080 ~ www.risd.org



DALLAS CAREVAN IMMUNIZATION OUTREACH

TEACHER: _____

Influenza Vaccine Registration and Consent

(Information about the person who will receive the vaccine- PLEASE PRINT)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	BIRTHDATE	SEX	AGE
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER

<p>TVFC ELIGIBILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Child has NO health insurance <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Child has CHIP benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Under-insured (has insurance that does not pay for vaccines, OR has a co-pay or deductible that the family cannot meet, OR has insurance that provides limited wellness or prevention coverage) <input type="checkbox"/> Patient is served by any type of Public Health Clinic and DDS NOT meet any of the above criteria. <input type="checkbox"/> Has private insurance or can pay for services. (Children who have checked this box are not eligible for Texas Vaccine for Children/CareVan services.) 	<p>HEALTH SCREENING (Circle YES or NO for ALL questions)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has your child had a life-threatening reaction to influenza vaccine? YES NO 2. Does your child have a severe, life-threatening allergy to eggs or latex? YES NO 3. Has your child EVER had a seizure or brain disorder? YES NO 4. Does your child have a long-term health problem such as: Heart disease, Lung disease, Asthma, Kidney disease, Neurologic disease, Liver disease, Diabetes, Anemia or other blood disorder? YES NO <p>Please explain: _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. If your child is younger than 5 years old, has he or she had an episode of wheezing in the past year? YES NO 6. Does your child have a weakened immune system because of HIV/AIDS, cancer treatment or long-term treatment with drugs such as steroids? YES NO 7. Is your child in close contact with someone with a severely weakened immune system? (For example, a bone marrow transplant) YES NO 8. Is your child pregnant or could she become pregnant in the next month? YES NO 9. Has your child received any other vaccinations in the past 28 days? YES NO <p>If yes, please list: _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Is your child taking aspirin or aspirin-containing medicine right now? YES NO
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I have been given a copy and have read or have had explained to me the information in the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for the influenza vaccine. I have had a chance to ask questions which were answered to my satisfaction. I believe I understand the benefits and risks of this request. I understand that information relating to this vaccine may be stored electronically and may be used or disclosed in accordance with the law.

 SIGNATURE of person receiving vaccine, if 18 years old, OR Parent OR Guardian who is authorized to consent to this procedure.

PLEASE PRINT NAME OF PERSON SIGNING CONSENT - First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY				
Manufacturer	Lot # and Exp. Date	Dose/Route	Site Used	DATE:
Sanofi-Pasteur		0.25ml - IM	RD LD	
GSK		0.5 ml - IM	RT LT	
Novartis		0.2 ml - IN	NASAL	
				ADMINISTRATOR, Signature and Printed



Dallas County Health and Human Services
CareVan – Caring For Children Foundation
Grand Prairie Independent School District
INFLUENZA VACCINATION CLINIC



STUDENT'S NAME: _____

DATE: _____ **TEACHER:** _____

Manufacturer	Lot # / Exp Date	Dose / Route	Site Used
Sanofi-Pasteur		0.25 mL / 0.5 mL IM	RT LT
Novartis			RD LD
GSK		0.2 mL IN	Nasal
MedImmune			

NURSE'S SIGNATURE: _____



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● Benefits to Grand Prairie ISD and community:

- Positive impact on number of students receiving flu vaccinations
- Improved attendance in individual schools
- Convenient for parents- no time off of work
- Parents received services for their child which they may not have received otherwise
- Held during school hours avoiding transportation obstacle or language barrier
- Vaccine and service FREE
- Follow-up clinic times and locations were sent home with children needing second vaccination
- Collaborative effort worked well with each group performing their respective roles



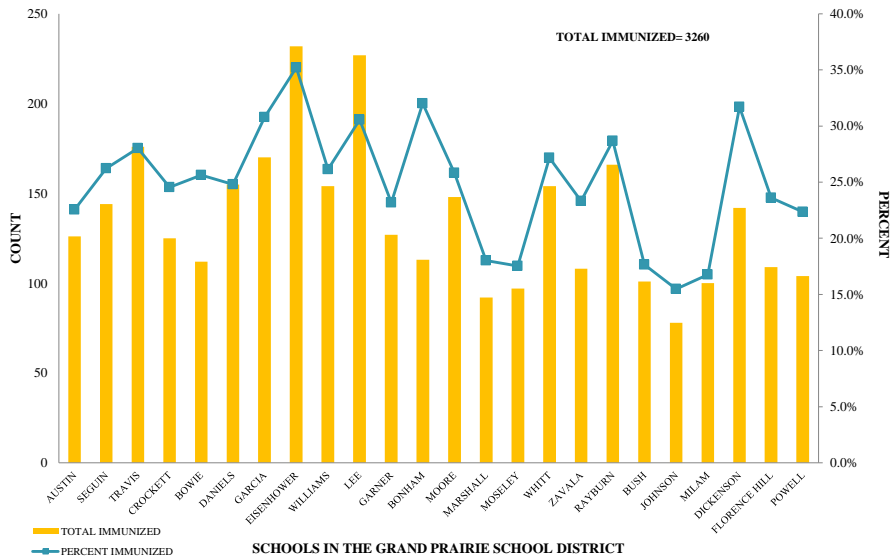
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Measurable Data – 2010-2011

- Over 32% participation, 3260 children immunized
- Daily attendance increased over the previous year. One school had a 10% increase
- District reported attendance rates rose from 93.6% to 94.9%. Increase of 1.42%
- Over all it was estimated that in 2010-2011 GPISD saved over \$600,000 due to the increase in attendance and the decrease in flu related illnesses



GRAND PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT FLU IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE, FALL 2011

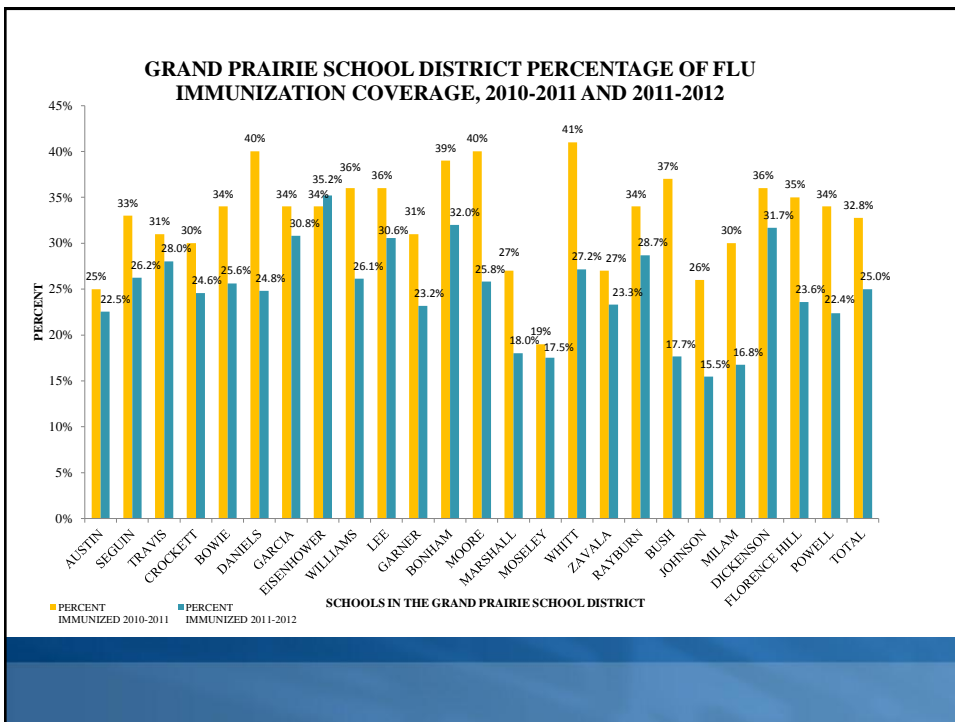


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Year Two 2011-2012

- Dallas County unable to supply any staff
- Dallas County provided some supplies
- Care Van received partial funding from Healthy Kids Healthy Families Grant to undertake all 24 GPISD clinics
- Care Van staff immunized children in 24 GPISD elementary schools in 8 clinic days doing three schools per day
- Staffing included 3 nurses and 1 paramedic and numerous volunteers
- Paperwork and vaccine handled by Care Van staff
- Forms printed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas

Note: the following graft indicates a decrease in student participation attributed to a mild flu season



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- 2011-2012 The Word Got Out.....



In addition to Grand Prairie, four additional school districts participated in the flu vaccination program

- Richardson ISD
- Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD
- McKinney ISD
- Duncanville



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- Measurable Data – 2011-2012
 - Total number of children receiving flu vaccine was 10,644
 - Grand Prairie ISD- 24.9%
 - Richardson ISD – 28.4% (one school reached 41.2%)
 - Duncanville ISD – 24.6%
 - Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD – 10.7%
 - McKinney ISD – 9.4%
 - 19.6% average participation in 5 districts

***Two districts had less than 10 school days to prepare for these clinics hence bringing down the overall average**

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- Noticeable Change, 2011-2012
 - Overall participation increased with number of school districts taking part in the school based vaccination program
 - With the addition of 4 school districts the number of children receiving flu vaccinations tripled during the 2nd year
 - The school districts continue to realize the benefits of this program and all 5 school districts have asked to be included in the 2012-2013 flu season program

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- Recap: What we can do better?
 - Improve paperwork:
 - Add name of teacher on forms for easier tracking
 - Simplify explanation of qualifications for TVFC program
 - Add area that addresses any parental concerns or special requests on flu form
 - Encourage school nurse or liaison to check paperwork to ensure forms are complete prior to clinic
 - Have school nurse or liaison check forms for special requests or concerns and bring this to the attention of the nurse giving the vaccine
 - Have students ready to go at clinic start time
 - Schedule more clinics during a school day to limit the number of days required for nurses in school district to be away from campus

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Future Plans

- Six school districts have committed to the program and plan on expanding to include more schools in 2012-2013
- Expansion to include more school districts
- Explore additional funding opportunities for expanded services
- Coordinate with local school districts to assist in identifying schools with low immunization coverage and limited access to immunization services



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Final Note:

- Answering the concern of increased absences due to H1N1 flu, Grand Prairie ISD was proactive in pushing for an in school flu program
- Through the collaboration with Grand Prairie ISD, Dallas County Health and Human Services and a private provider, Caring for Children Foundation of Texas, Care Van, the need was met and substantial results were seen in decreased flu cases among elementary children and in the community as a whole
- Due to the success of the program continues to look for new opportunities in communities that can be impacted by these services.



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