

Let's Fight Flu TOGETHER



Of the 68 influenza-related pediatric deaths* last season, 58 were children who had not been vaccinated against influenza according to CDC recommendations.

HOSA is pleased to have been selected to partner with National PTA as a “supporting organization” along with Flu Busters and Novartis on a campaign called “**Let’s Fight Flu Together.**” HOSA members can use their leadership skills, utilize their chapter networks, and, at the same time, improve the health of millions of American’s by organizing flu vaccinations. This partnership provides significant opportunities for visibility and local chapter fund development.

This health based service opportunity lends to great public relations, good fundraising opportunities and service outreach for local, state, and national HOSA. The aim is to join PTA’s partnership with Flu Busters and Novartis to reach the 30 million children, parents, and family members across the nation that annually go without a flu vaccination.

As a **service learning project**, HOSA can create awareness in the school or community by sharing the following critical information.

Your Participation Can Make a Difference!

Influenza and its complications remain a critical public health issue. Every year:

More than 200,000 people are hospitalized,

20,000 of whom are children

Approximately 36,000 United States residents die

An estimated 38 million school days are missed by students

Parents miss over 10 million work days caring for these sick youngsters.

The single best way to prevent influenza is to get an influenza vaccination each year.

HOSA chapters can sponsor a **Flu Vaccination Clinic**. The cost of a flu shot is \$30. For each Flu Vaccination Clinic that is scheduled by a HOSA chapter, PTA will donate \$2 per shot to the local chapter. If the clinic has 300 or more participants, PTA will donate \$3 per shot to the local chapter. If the local chapter advisor is a registered nurse who wants to administer the vaccinations, the chapter (or registered nurse) will receive \$25 an hour.

What better way to increase visibility for HOSA than a Flu Vaccination Clinic. HOSA chapters can promote, recruit, and organize local Flu Buster events at the actual high school as well as reaching out to middle and elementary schools. Clinics can be held in conjunction with a football game, fall festival, or wherever there is a community gathering who are eligible for the flu shot.

Flu Busters will provide the operational support (facilitating the scheduling, actual administration of vaccines, etc.). HOSA would do the promotion, recruitment and organization of the event.

How do you get started? Go to the web site at <http://pta.flubusters.net/> and click on the information that says, “Request a Clinic.” Be sure they know you are with HOSA. If you need additional information, please contact HOSA’s representative: **Ann Huynh**, Development /Sponsorship Manager, at 800.307.4PTA (4782) or 312.670.6782, ext. 395 or ahuynh@pta.org.