

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Paws	2	3	4 Kid Fit	5 World Smile Day, World Teacher Day	6
7	8 Columbus Day	9 World Child Development Day	10	11 PreK Field Trip to Gallrein Farms	12 Mix Match Day	13
14	15 Global Handwashing Day	16	17 Natl Pasta Day, Spaghetti for Lunch	18 <b>Kid Fit</b>	19	20
21	22	23 Bubble Truck	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Georgetown Manor PreK Trick or Treating Trip	31 HALLOWEEN, Halloween Activities			



## All About Kidz October 2018

### **Flu Season**

#### What is Influenza (Flu)?

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

#### Signs and Symptoms

- fever
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- body aches
- headache
- chills
- fatigue
- sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

#### **Preventing the Flu**



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The first and most important step in preventing flu is to get a flu vaccine each year. Flu vaccine has been shown to reduce flu related illnesses and the risk of serious flu complications that can result in hospitalization or even death. CDC also recommends everyday preventive actions (like staying away from people who are sick, covering coughs and sneezes and frequent handwashing) to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu.

#### When should I get vaccinated?

You should get a flu vaccine before flu begins spreading in your community. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body, so make plans to get vaccinated early in fall, before flu season begins. CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October. Getting vaccinated later, however, can still be beneficial and vaccination should continue to be offered throughout flu season, even into January or later.

#### References

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