

## Patch Elementary School Health Promotion BOARD- November 2012

This site has been added to the Patch Elementary School Web site to keep the parents informed on the latest Health related issues here at our school.

PLEASE remind your child of the importance of GOOD Hand Washing!!

[NPR offers several Health related topics/stories that have an audio or video link.](#)

[One that may be of interest is titled, "Tis the season for cold and flu." Jan. 2009](#)

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=98947083&sc=emaf>

### Flu Season -Stuttgart will fight together.

Patch Elementary School and the Stuttgart community are committed to sharing with you up-to-date resources and information.

**Flu Prevention:** Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from the flu. There are additional steps that you and your family can take to keep yourself and your family healthy this flu season. In response to guidance received from the Command Surgeon, US European Command, the seasonal flu immunization will remain a requirement for enrollment in DoDDS-E schools. Students will be permitted thirty (30) days from the time the local medical authority notifies the school administration that the flu vaccine is available to obtain the required flu immunization. Requests for waivers to this requirement based on medical, religious, or other personal circumstances will be respected. Waivers must be requested in writing and a file of these granted waivers will be maintained in the School Health Office. In the event of an epidemic, for the protection of others, the exempt student or staff member must be excluded from school/workplace until the installation medical professional determines the epidemic period is over.

The Patch Health Clinic will provide the influenza Vaccine here at the School on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **REMINDER:**

It is very important for parents to update contact information, and to remember that student's must be "fever free" for 24 hours before returning to school. That means that if your child has a fever the night before school, he/she should be kept home the next day. This decreases the spread of disease.

If you have any questions related to this matter, please feel free to contact me at  
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