



It's Flu Shot Time!

Our Flu Shot Clinics are officially underway! Help protect your family from the flu by using your Patient Portal to make an appointment for family flu shots today!

Drive-through flu shot clinics are being held by appointment only every Saturday morning through the end of October.

In-office appointments are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and every other Friday.

Children ages 6-months and up are eligible for a flu shot and parents may receive a flu shot along side their child!

Check out the [2025 Flu Clinic page](#) on our website for all the details!

Good to Know!

Current Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Phones close at 4:30pm

Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm

Same day sick visits only

Sunday Closed

**After-hours urgent phone calls are taken by expert pediatric nurses at [St. Louis Children's Hospital](#) and communicated to our provider on call.*

We do not accept walk ins at any time. All visits are by appointment only. Please call the office to schedule your child's well or ill visit appointment.

Our Phone Number: (309) 662-0504

Our Fax Number: (309) 663-7645

Our Address: 306 Saint Joseph Drive
Bloomington, IL 61701

Upcoming Holiday Hours

Thursday 11-27-2025: Closed

Friday 11-28-2025: 8:00am - 12:00pm
(sick visits only)

Wednesday 12-24-2025: 8:00am - 12:00pm
(sick visits only)

Thursday 12-25-2025: Closed

Friday 12-26-2025: Regular business hours

Wednesday 12-31-2025: 8:00am - 12:00pm
(sick visits only)

Thursday 1-1-2026: Closed

Friday 1-2-2026: Regular business hours

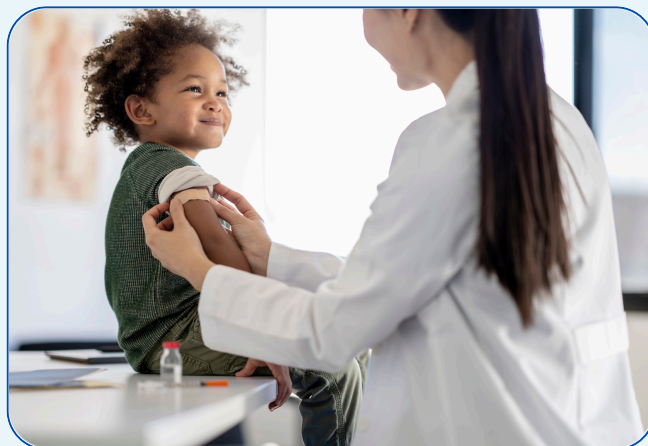




Your Guide to Navigating Sniffle Season

It's Sniffle Season again and we at Bloomington Pediatrics want your family to stay well! We know how easy it is for those germs to find their way into our homes and schools, but there are some ways to help protect against these illnesses. Staying up to date on immunizations and preventative vaccines like the flu shot is key.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) may cause cold-like symptoms in infants and young children. However, some may experience more severe symptoms which could lead to hospitalization. We are again offering the RSV injection to help protect babies under 8 months old who are born during, or are entering their first RSV season. Children aged 8 - 19 months with high risk conditions are also eligible. Parents should contact their individual insurance plans to determine if this injection will be covered for their baby. Visit our [website](#) for the codes you will need when you speak to your insurance company. Appointments begin on October 1st. Our providers and pediatric nurses are ready to answer any questions or concerns you may have!



The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) continues to strongly recommend COVID vaccination for children aged 6 -23 months of age as this group remains at risk for severe COVID-19. They AAP also recommends vaccination for children and teens, especially those with health conditions who are at a higher risk. If you have questions about the COVID vaccine, please give us a call.

Here are some other tips to help your family stay well:

- Make sure the whole family is practicing good handwashing and hygiene
- Clean and disinfect surfaces often, especially “high touch” items
- Teach your kiddos how to “cover or catch your cough or sneeze” in a tissue or their elbow
- If someone in the family is sick, they should stay home to prevent sharing their illness with others
- Stay active and enjoy time outdoors, even with the change in weather
- Support your immune system with a balanced diet and stay hydrated
- Establish good bedtime routines to ensure restful sleep





BILLING CORNER



Registration Updates

From time to time we must update our registration paperwork to ensure we collect all pertinent data to best care for your child, as well as submit accurate claims to your insurance company and avoid billing concerns later.

If you would like to save time at check in, please visit our [website](#) to complete the paperwork update online!

Copays

Part of your contract with your insurance company is the agreement to pay your assigned copay at the time of service.

Please be prepared to make this payment at check in. If your child is coming to their appointment alone or with another adult, please send the payment with them.

We accept cash, check or credit card. For your convenience, we also offer the option to keep a debit or credit card on file to easily take care of copay charges and other balances. Read more about it in the Billing Corner of our [Winter newsletter](#).

Secondary Insurance

If you have two or more insurance policies, all insurance companies require that you disclose this to each other and to our office. This is called Coordination of Benefits.

Often there is a form for you to complete for each company but you may also call the customer service number on your insurance card.

Sharing this information ensures correct submission and payment of claims. We are not able to complete this on your behalf, so we thank you for your timely completion of this step.

Plan Ahead: HSA & Tax Documents

As of January 1, 2023, families must contact their individual insurance customer service (via the number on the back of your insurance card or via your insurance website) to obtain copies of Explanation of Benefits (EOB's) for services rendered in our office. Families are encouraged to retain copies of their patient account statements from our office, receipts from copays paid in the office, as well as personal banking records to keep track of amounts spent on healthcare for the year as we are no longer able to provide this data.

Billing Department Contact Info

The Billing Department may be reached Monday-Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm
by calling (309) 662-0504
and selecting option 6.

No matter the change of the season, we are always here for your family. We look forward to seeing you at your next visit!

*~Stay Well,
The Providers & Staff of Bloomington Pediatrics*

