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**Health Department Offers Free Flu Vaccine to Children at School,
Immunizes Nearly 400 Children, Adults and the Elderly—All on the Same Day**

There was not a tear in sight as more than 200 Haldane school children, ages 5 through 18, and staff received their flu vaccinations at school on Wednesday, October 10. The Putnam County Department of Health administered the immunizations at the Haldane school, as part of their popular, ongoing school-based influenza program, which offers free flu vaccines to school children throughout the county. Later in the day, the public health nurses also visited the Garrison Fire Department and the Office for the Aging in Cold Spring to immunize nearly 200 more Putnam residents against the flu.

Next on the schedule for the school-based clinics are the Garrison schools on Thursday, October 18; Kent Elementary school on Tuesday, October 23; Kent Primary on Wednesday, October 24; Matthew Patterson Elementary on October 25; and George Fisher Middle School on Tuesday, October 30. Prior clinics have been held at Putnam Valley High School and St. James in Carmel. Parental approval is required; for further information, contact the appropriate school nurse.

The next public flu clinic is scheduled for Monday, October 15 at the Carmel Fire Department, from 2 to 6:30pm.

The Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of the county's nearly 100,000 residents through prevention of illness and injury. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit our website at www.putnamcountyny.com; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

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Brothers Thomas and Anthony Percacciolo received their vaccines from public health nurse Jeanette Baldanza, RN, immunization coordinator. Allen Beals, MD, Commissioner of Health, was on hand to provide moral support to the younger brother Thomas.

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