

HOWARD COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a serious illness that affects people of all ages. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is through vaccinations. This year, we are pleased to join with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) to offer flu nasal spray vaccinations (FluMist) at your child's school.

You will notice that we are requesting your health insurance information. It is important that you provide complete, accurate information because MPP will bill your insurance company. **You will NOT be charged for a deductible or copay.** These immunizations will be provided at **no out-of-pocket cost to you.**

Flu clinics will be held from the middle of October through the middle of November. We will send a notice home with your child the day that he/she has been vaccinated.

**If you want your child to be vaccinated, please:**

1. Fill out every section of the Consent Form completely. Write neatly and use ink.
2. Use your insurance card to fill out your insurance information accurately. Your insurance company will be billed. You will NOT be charged by us or your insurance company.
3. Return the consent form no later than ONE WEEK FROM TODAY.
4. Read the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) and talk to your doctor or the school nurse about any questions you have.

There are some children who cannot receive FluMist. If your child has asthma, he/she should be vaccinated against the flu by a primary care provider or the health department.

We hope you will join us in our fight against the flu. Vaccinating your child will help keep him/her healthy and prevent the spread of flu to others. It also will cut down on missed time from work and school.

As always, please call your school nurse if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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