2017-2018 School Based Flu Program

Newsletter for Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This influenza (flu) season we would like to help protect our student body by providing flu vaccines during school hours. The Carroll County Health Department will be offering flu shots. If your child has health insurance, we will bill your insurance provider. The following vaccine will be available:

- **Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV):** an influenza vaccine that is given as a shot. The inactivated influenza vaccine will be a quadrivalent (QIV) vaccine.

For more information on the vaccine type above, please see the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) attached.

Influenza Vaccination Clinic Date and Location:

__10/27/2017_____ _____CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL_____
Date School Name

If you would like to have your child vaccinated during the above school based flu clinic please:

1. Review the Vaccination Information Statement (VIS).
2. Sign, date, and return the attached Consent Form to **[Brittany Latimer-School Nurse]** by **10/20/17.**

Note: If the consent form is not signed, dated and returned, your child(ren) will not be immunized.

Children up to 8 years of age may need a second dose approximately one month after the first dose. We will provide the second dose during visit #2.

We thank you in advance for helping to keep our students safe and healthy. If you have any quesions about the influenza vaccine, please feel free to contact the school nurse or your health care provider.

Please note that participation and receipt of influenza vaccine through this program is completely voluntary. The health care provider for your child can answer your questions about the influenza virus and will be able to vaccinate your child against seasonal influenza. For additional information please visit the CDC influenza websites at http://www.cdc.gov/flu/ and http://www.cdc.gov/flu/parents.