

# 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:

- ❖ **Flumist®** (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine - LAIV): an influenza vaccine that is sprayed into the nose. This vaccine will be considered an option if no contraindications and if it is available on the date of your school's flu clinic.
- ❖ **Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV): an** influenza vaccine that is given as a shot. Inactivated influenza vaccine will be quadrivalent (QIV).

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

Influenza Vaccination Clinic Date and Location:

10-23-2018	Mount Zion Middle School
Date	School Name

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**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 **Hope Velez at Mount Zion Middle** before **10-17-2018**

**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 questions 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>.*