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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Gordon County Health Department would like to help protect your child by providing flu vaccine for children grades 6th thru 12th at your child's school. The flu vaccine will help protect against strains that are expected to circulate this year. Flu vaccine clinics have tentatively been scheduled for the following:

Tentative Dates: October 25 – Gordon Central High School & Ashworth Middle School
 October 26 – Sonoraville High School & Red Bud Middle School

If your child does not have insurance, your child's insurance does not cover the cost of the flu vaccine or your child has insurance that we *DO NOT* accept, the flu vaccine will be given to your child at no charge. If your child has health insurance that we do accept for the flu vaccine (Aetna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, United Healthcare or Medicaid), we will bill your insurance provider.

To get the flu shot for your child, please follow the steps below:

1. Read the "Vaccine Information Statement" included with this letter for the flu shot.
2. On the consent form, please read and answer each question in Section 2 carefully.
3. Complete, sign and date the consent form and return it to your child's school.

You will know when your student received their Flu Vaccine because they will stamp your student's hand with a Green Camera stamp.

Please understand that participation and receipt of the influenza vaccine through this program is completely voluntary. If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccine clinics, please call your school nurse. For additional information please visit the CDC's influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/> and <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/parents> (Information in Spanish available on the CDC website.)

In an effort to minimize paperwork a copy of the Notice of Privacy Policy is not being included in your packet. A copy of this policy is available at the Gordon County Health Department. If you would like to request a copy of this policy please call or come by the Health Department. We would be glad to forward you a copy by mail.

Please return the *completed form on the back of this page* by
October 2, 2017 if you want your child vaccinated.

*****DO NOT** return the consent form if you **DO NOT** want your child to receive the FLU Vaccine!!!***