

BROOKFIELD R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT



Teach, Learn, Grow...Every Day



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Linn County Health Department is making flu vaccine available at the school this year on **Wednesday, November 7**. Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with [certain health conditions](#), are at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting **vaccinated** each year.

The only presentation of vaccine available this year from the health department is the injection form. Surprisingly, children do well when receiving the vaccine in a school setting and we highly encourage parents to allow their children to participate. However, if you feel you want to be with your child, you will need to call your local medical provider or the health department and make an appointment to take your child into their facility to receive the vaccine. Parents are asked not to come to the school on the day of the school clinic when their child receives the vaccine. The vaccine offered at the school is free of charge to all school-aged children; however, we ask that you complete the form as to the current insurance status for our records

If you would like your child to receive the vaccine please complete the front of the attached BLUE form and return it to the school no later than Thursday, October 25. To assist you in completing the form, please review the following information regarding the "Insurance" portion of the form:

- If your child is covered under Medicaid/MO Healthnet, place an "X" in the space provided and provide the provider number.
- If your child has no health insurance, place an "X" in the space provided.
- **If your child is covered under some form of insurance other than Medicaid/MO Healthnet, place an "X" in the space next to "underinsured".**
- If your child's ethnicity is American Indian or Alaskan Native, place an "X" in the space provided.

NOTE: Students in grades K-4 should return the completed BLUE form to their child's teacher.

For further questions regarding the vaccine, please refer to the attached vaccine information statement and keep this for your records. You may also call me at 258-2241. We appreciate your willingness to participate and keep your children and family safe during the upcoming flu season!

Sincerely,

Teresa Doss, BSN, RN - School Nurse