



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Flu vaccinations are coming to your child's school. They will be given at **NO CHARGE TO YOU**. Now, more than ever, it is important to protect your family through vaccinations.

If you would like your child to be vaccinated, **BEFORE Friday, October 8:**

Fill out the consent form online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/HoCPSSFlu2021>

1. Type your child's school name in **Search by Name** then press the blue **Search** button.
2. Click on the **Sign Up for Childhood Vaccinations** button for your child's school.

OR

Fill out a paper consent form:

1. Read the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) and talk to your health care provider or the school nurse about any questions you have. VIS: <https://tinyurl.com/FluVIS2021-E>
2. Fill out every section of the attached Consent Form.
3. Use your insurance card to fill out your insurance information accurately. Your insurance company will be billed. **There is no co-pay or deductible**. You will NOT be charged by us or your insurance company.

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. We are pleased to join with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) to offer flu vaccinations at our school.

You may give permission for your child to be vaccinated using (1) an online form at <https://tinyurl.com/HoCPSSFlu2021> or (2) the hard copy form attached to this message.

We urge you to protect your family from the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get a flu shot. Please visit www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm for more information about the flu vaccine.

Thank you!

Howard County Public Schools and Maryland Partnership for Prevention

