



Public Health and Human Services Department

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Sibley County Public Health and Human Services is working with GFW School District to administer the annual flu vaccination to children at school on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Please return the consent form and a copy of health insurance card or payment to the school by Monday, November 1, 2021. This vaccine will protect against four influenza strains that are expected to circulate this year.

Complete the 2021-22 Influenza Vaccine Consent form (front and back) if you want your child to receive the flu vaccine.

- **Provide a copy of your health insurance card (front and back).** This allows us to bill your health insurance company on your behalf. Please call the customer service number on the back of your health insurance card to make sure the influenza vaccine is covered & any necessary deductible has been met.
- **We do charge a \$20.00 administration fee: IF** your child does not have health insurance, **IF** the flu vaccine is not covered by the insurance, **or IF** you have not met the insurance deductible. (the \$20:00 administration fee is payable by cash or check made out to Sibley County PHHS).

We request that your child wear a short sleeve shirt or a loose fitting top that allows easy access to the upper arm. We also request that students wear a mask when they get the flu shot. We will offer them a disposable mask if they do not have one.

Everyone 6 months of age and older should get flu vaccine every year. Getting a flu vaccine helps protect your child from getting the flu and helps prevent them from passing it to people who can get very sick from flu – like babies, elderly people, and people who have chronic diseases. The flu vaccination can help reduce flu illnesses, doctor visits, and missed school due to the flu.

If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccination clinic, please call: 507-237-4000 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Please visit the CDC's influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/> and also <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/parents> for information especially for parents. Your child's health care provider also can answer your questions about the influenza virus and will be able to give your child the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Protect yourself, your family, and your community against flu this fall and winter by getting a flu vaccine.

Sincerely,

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