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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.

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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