



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Mount Rogers Health District

201 Francis Marion Lane
Marion, VA 24354

August 20, 2018

IN-SCHOOL FLU VACCINATION CLINICS IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUESTED

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Influenza is a very contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year. The Mount Rogers Health District in partnership with your school system is pleased to provide In-School Flu Vaccination Clinics during the month of **October, 2018**.

The Mount Rogers Health District will offer the flu shot only. The quadrivalent vaccine contains updated flu strains to better match the circulating virus.

The vaccine will be free of charge to all students. Medicaid or insurance may be billed but parents will **not** be charged or billed. Your school will notify you of the scheduled date of the clinic. Please check your school's website for additional information about influenza and this program.

In order for your child to receive the Flu Vaccine, you should:

- Complete and sign the attached parental consent form and return to the school by **Friday, September 14, 2018**. **We will be unable to vaccinate anyone without the completed paperwork. To allow sufficient time to review your child's health history, it is important that you return the consent form by September 14th.**
- Read the attached information being sent to you regarding the flu injection.

We appreciate your help in keeping your child, your schools, and our communities healthy. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse or your local health department.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karen Shelton, Medical Director
Mount Rogers Health District