

Sign and return the entire form (both white and yellow copies) to the school

The yellow form will be sent home again with the student the day of the clinic.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

An annual influenza (flu) vaccination not only protects your child, but also protects other members of your family and the local community from the spread of the flu virus.

Before and after the clinic, please take a moment to read the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for the injectable (shot) influenza vaccine. The VIS is a document from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that explains the benefits and risks of the influenza vaccine. On the day of the clinic, staff will write on the front of this form that your child received the flu vaccine. Your child will then bring home a completed copy of the consent form and a VIS statement.

With a vaccine, like any medicine, there is a chance of side effects. These are usually mild and go away on their own. Some children have reported soreness, swelling, or redness at the injection site or fever and minor aches.

Serious side effects are possible, but are very rare. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, and weakness. These may start a few minutes to a few hours after the vaccination. The clinic staff are trained to recognize emergencies and treat your child. If you feel your child is having a severe reaction at home call 911. If you wish, you can report any unusual reaction to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System at www.vaers.hhs.gov.

Information contained on this form will be maintained by the NH Division of Public Health Services and may also be maintained by the School Health Office and the Medical Care Provider (if provider information is included).

Please remember that the flu is a serious illness and spreads easily from person to person. Make sure that you and your family are vaccinated.

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