



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Affiliated Community Medical Centers (ACMC) is working with your local school to give the seasonal influenza vaccine to students in grades K-12. This vaccine will protect against the influenza strains that are expected to circulate this year. Like last year, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that the nasal spray influenza vaccine not be used because of its poor performance compared with the flu shot. The nasal spray will not be offered, and only flu shots will be available at medical centers again this year.

We will hold vaccination clinics on the morning of October 11, 2017 at ACGC. Please complete and return the consent form to your child's school by October 3, 2017.

If you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please read, sign, and date the enclosed Influenza Vaccination Clinic Consent Form. This form allows us to give your child the vaccine. We will file charges for the vaccine with your insurance provider. Any unpaid balance will be your responsibility.

Please read the Vaccine Information Sheet included with this letter about the disease and the vaccine.

If at any time you change your mind about having your child vaccinated, or have questions about the flu vaccine, please contact your ACMC clinic at the numbers listed below. You can also visit our website at www.acmc.com.

Your child's health care provider at your clinic can also give your child the seasonal influenza vaccine, as well as answer your questions about the influenza virus or vaccine.

Visit the CDC's influenza website for more information, especially for parents –www.cdc.gov/flu/ and www.cdc.gov/flu/parents.

Sincerely,

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