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Flu Shots Offered to Students during School Hours

Westminster, MD (September 28, 2017) – Carroll County Public Schools, in conjunction with the Carroll County Health Department and the Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP), will hold In-School Injectable Influenza Vaccination Clinics during school hours, running from October 24th –October 27th.

Every Carroll County public school has been assigned a day during this time period when MPP nurses will come into the school to vaccinate students who have pre-registered to receive the injectable flu vaccine (shot). For the second year in a row, the FluMist will not be available because it is not recommended for this flu season.

Parents/guardians can pre-register their children to receive a flu shot in school in one of three ways:

1) Online using the secure Maryland Partnership for Prevention site: http://www.immunizemaryland.org/school-clinic-consent-form
2) With the downloadable printable consent that was sent to parents/guardians via e-mail
3) With the paper consent that students bring home

The deadline for pre-registration is October 10, 2017. Students must turn in a signed parental/guardian consent or the parent/guardian must have registered the student on the MPP website and signed the consent in order for the student to receive their flu vaccine in school. Parents/guardians may contact the school nurse with questions.

Getting a flu shot every year is the best way to prevent the flu. The injectable flu vaccine (shot) does not contain a live virus so getting vaccinated will not cause you to get the flu. Getting vaccinated can reduce flu illnesses, doctor's visits, and missed school days, and prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths.

In-school flu clinics are a convenient and safe way for students to receive their flu vaccine without having to miss school time. This flu vaccine campaign was successful last year in elementary and middle schools and this year is being offered to high school students as well. Please consider registering your student to receive their flu vaccine.

For more information on the flu and how others can get the flu shot, visit the Health Department's flu page at http://cchd.maryland.gov/flu.

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