



September 2022

Greetings Parent/Guardian:

This season we would like to protect our students from the flu by providing flu vaccines at the Sleepy Eye Public School on **Tuesday, September 27** from 9:00am-12:00pm. The Sleepy Eye Medical Center will be providing flu vaccine clinics for all healthy children in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. If this is the first time that a child under the age of nine receives the influenza vaccine, or if they have not received two or more doses of influenza vaccine previously, they will need a second dose approximately 4-6 weeks after the first dose. The second dose can be scheduled by calling the Sleepy Eye Medical Center at 507-794-3691.

Influenza in children can be very serious and can cause fever, chills, headache, extreme tiredness, and body aches. Children can be sick for a week or more, which may cause them to miss school or even be hospitalized. Children ages 2-17 years are twice as likely to get influenza as adults are. Influenza is also very contagious, especially among children. Children can spread influenza to people in the home who could get very sick from influenza, such as grandparents, younger siblings, or babies. A yearly influenza vaccine is the single best way to help prevent your child from getting and spreading influenza.

Attached is information regarding the flu vaccine, as well as a consent form. In order for your child to be immunized, **please sign and return this form along with a copy of the child's insurance card by Wednesday, September 21st to the Sleepy Eye Public School. If your child does not have insurance or has insurance that does not cover vaccines, please fill out the attached MnVFC eligibility form.** Please read the attached information carefully. We will only have the injectable influenza vaccine available. Please answer **ALL** the questions on the consent form accurately. We will be unable to vaccinate anyone with incomplete paperwork.

If you have any questions, please call Lori Neidecker, RN, Infection Preventionist, Sleepy Eye Medical Center @ 507-794-8478 or email @ lneidecker@semedicalcenter.org.