**Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School**

October, 2019

Dear Parents/ Guardians;

Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School will again offer the **seasonal flu vaccine shots** at school. We are very interested in making the vaccine available to our school-age children because this age group usually has a significant number of flu cases and the flu virus can spread quickly in the school setting. Some important Flu Facts are:

* The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone over 6 mos. old
* You cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine
* The Flu is a preventable disease
* More than 200,00 people a year are hospitalized from flu complications
* **Children and teens with asthma are at high risk of severe disease and complications from the flu.**

The flu shots are free but we will be asking for your health insurance information and will submit for reimbursement for the administration of the vaccine. This process helps the Health Department subsidize their vaccine program so they can continue to provide the vaccine to us for free. There will be no co-pay or charge to you from your insurance company.

**Clinic date:**

**Weds Nov 13, 2019**

Enclosed in this packet are the seasonal flu vaccine information statement (VIS), the Flu Vaccine Consent/Insurance form. Please read the VIS carefully and call your health care provider or the school nurse at your school with any questions. If you decide to have your student(s) vaccinated at school, please **complete the consent/insurance form and return it to the school nurse by Weds. Nov 6th.**

**Be sure to complete the screening questions on the reverse side of the consent/insurance form and sign your consent on the front.**

**NO VACCINE WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO A STUDENT WITHOUT A COMPLETED AND SIGNED CONSENT /INSURANCE FORM.**

Respectfully yours,

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