



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Recent studies show that children who receive the flu vaccine may reduce their risk for contracting influenza. The vaccine can also help prevent spread of the virus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that anyone who wants to reduce the risk of complications from influenza receive a yearly flu vaccine. For the health of your child, Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health, Noble County Department of Health, your school district and Parkview Hospital are providing a FREE FluMist[®] vaccine — a gentle nasal spray — for your child during the month of November 2011.

If you want your child to receive the FluMist[®] vaccine:

1. Parent/guardian should review and complete the attached **YELLOW** consent form.
2. If you answer “NO” to all the questions, your child **is eligible** to participate in the school FluMist[®] program which will be held in November 2011.
3. If you answer “YES” to any question, your child **is not eligible**.
4. Students must return the **YELLOW** consent form to their school nurse **no later than Wednesday, October 26, 2011**.
5. Please keep the Vaccine Information Sheet for your reference.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO GET FluMist[®], DO NOT RETURN THE FORM.

Please keep in mind:

- Children with asthma, diabetes or any other chronic health conditions need to have their healthcare provider determine which flu vaccine is most appropriate for them. Typically, children with these health concerns get the shot form of the flu vaccine which can be obtained at your doctor’s office, Super Shot, Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health or the Noble County Department of Health.
- A second dose of the FluMist[®] vaccine may be required for children less than nine (9) years of age according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). If your child requires a second dose of the FluMist[®] vaccine, you will be notified.

For more information on FluMist[®] vaccine, you may contact your school nurse or visit one of the following websites: Centers for Disease Control <http://www.CDC.gov>, Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health www.fighttheflu.org or MedImmune www.flumist.com.

Sincerely,

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