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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

School Based Influenza Clinic

The Fond du Lac County Health Dept. will be offering injectable flu vaccine on November 3rd, 2016. Flu vaccine is recommended every year by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. This program is voluntary and provided at no cost to you.

This summer, the CDC recommended Flumist (nose spray) vaccine NOT be used this year because during the last 2 flu seasons, it was not as effective in providing protection. Because of this new recommendation, the Health Department and area clinics are only offering injectable flu vaccines ("shots") this year.

All students will be able to receive the influenza vaccine during the school day at their school building (except 4 year old Preschool students) without a parent being present, if you believe your child will be cooperative. In addition, the Health Dept. will be available at Barlow Park Elementary School between 3:00 to 4:00 pm on November 3rd, 2016 for Ripon Area School District 4 yr old Preschool students and for students that a parent or designated adult wish to be present. Please be aware that no child under the age of 4 years old will be able to attend these clinics.

If you would like your child to receive a flu vaccine, please fill out and sign the consent form and return it to your child's school by October 24th, 2016. Vaccine Information Sheets are available in the school office, on the Ripon Area School District website www.ripon.k12.wi.us or at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html>. Children less than 9 years of age, who have not received at least two doses of flu vaccine in the past, should receive two doses of vaccine this year. Your consent gives permission for both doses, if needed. We will return to your child's school if a second dose is needed.

For more information you can call the Fond du Lac County Health Department at (920) 929-3085, or Ripon Area School District, Health Office at (920) 748-4633. Consent forms are also available on the Ripon Area School District website.

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