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Dear Parents and /or Guardians:

School Based Influenza Clinic

The Fond du Lac County Health Department will be offering the flu vaccine at your child's school on October 19th, 2017. Flu vaccine is recommended every year by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This program is provided at no cost to you.

Students in grades 4K-12 will be able to receive the flu shot during the school day, at their school building (except 4 year old preschool students), without a parent being present, if you feel your child will be cooperative. Staff may assist by helping hold the child to remain still; if you do not want your child held, please check the appropriate box on the consent form. In addition, the Fond du Lac County Health Dept. will be available at Barlow Park Elementary School between 3:00 to 4:00 pm on October 19th, 2017 for Ripon Area School District 4 yr old preschool students and for students that a parent or designated adult wish to be present.

If you would like your child to receive a flu vaccine, please fill out the consent form and return it to your child's school by October 12th, 2017. Vaccine Information Sheets are available in the school office or at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flu.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 at least 4 weeks later if a second dose is needed.

Students grades 4K-12 can also receive the flu shot free of charge at the Fond du Lac County Health Department on Monday Nov. 13 from 3-6 or Monday Dec. 11 from 3-5. For more information please call the Fond du Lac County Health Department at (920) 929-3085, or check our website <http://www.fdlco.wi.gov/departments/depaf-m/health-department/seasonal-influenza> for school vaccine dates and forms. Consent forms are also available on the Ripon Area School District website, and at each school building. For more information, you can contact Ripon Area School District, Health Office at (920) 748-4633.

We want to emphasize how important it is for children to continue receiving flu vaccine every year. If you have any questions or concerns about the flu vaccine, please contact us at (920) 929-3085.

Sincerely,

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