

October 31, 2011

Dear Parents:

The Springfield School District, in cooperation with Jordan Valley Community Health Center, with support from Cox Health and Mercy St. John's is offering **Seasonal Flu Vaccine** to any child free of charge, as supply allows. Your child will receive the Inhaled Nasal (FluMist) Influenza Vaccine unless contraindicated, in which case your child will receive the Inactivated Influenza (Flu Shot) Vaccine. The Flu Clinics will be held at your child's school during November.

The following conditions would prevent your child from receiving flu vaccine: allergy to vaccine components, and moderate or severe illnesses. Additionally, Inhaled Nasal Influenza Vaccine (FluMist) should not be given to children and adolescents with asthma or receiving aspirin therapy or aspirin-containing therapy. Enclosed you will find Vaccine Information Statements for both the Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Flu Shot) and for the Inhaled Nasal Influenza Vaccine (FluMist). We encourage parents to review this information and for those with children who have significant health risks to arrange their immunizations with their primary care provider.

If you are interested in your child receiving the Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Flu Shot) or the Inhaled Nasal Influenza Vaccine (FluMist), please complete and **sign** the Consent form and **return to your school nurse by Tuesday, November 15th.**

The clinics will be held as supply allows. If you have additional questions about the program, please call your school nurse.