

COVID-19 Update & Flu Shots — October 5, 2020

Dear CPS Families:

As we begin October, we want to share with you a few items of importance.

### **Board of Education Special Session**

The Columbia Board of Education will hold a special session meeting to hear an update on reopening plans for the district tomorrow, Tuesday, October 6 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting will include Board discussion, but will not include a vote on any items at the meeting. The Board of Education is scheduled to meet for its regular monthly meeting on October 12, and plans to vote on next steps at that time. The [meeting agenda](#) is available on the district website. Tomorrow's meeting will be broadcast live on the CPS-TV website and aired live on the district's cable-access television channels via Mediacom, Centurylink and SpectrumTV. <https://www.cpsk12.org/cpstv>

### **Flu Shot**

Thanks to support from the Columbia Public Schools Foundation, MU Children's Hospital and the David B. Lichtenstein Foundation, Columbia Public Schools will once again be able to offer free flu vaccines to its students and employees through the month of October.

Each school will be holding a flu shot clinic for its students on a designated date and time. The calendar is attached and more information is available through your child's school. The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services will be onsite to administer the vaccine. This opportunity to have your child vaccinated is strongly encouraged, but it is NOT mandatory. Masks must be worn, and social distancing will be enforced.

- If you completed the flu consent form online during registration, your student should attend the clinic during the designated times to receive the vaccine.
- If you have **NOT** completed the consent, your child should come to the clinic during the designated times to receive the vaccine **AND** you must complete the attached consent form, or a consent form available at the clinic.
- Each child will need his/her own consent.

The injectable flu vaccine (flu shot) is the only type of flu vaccine that will be offered. **FluMist nasal spray will not be given this season.** The Vaccine Information Statement for the flu shot can be found at: <https://www.immunize.org/vis/>. You may also contact your child's school nurse or the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services for Vaccine Information Statements.

Children, **age 6 months – 18 years of age**, who do not get the vaccine at school may receive free flu shots at the health department clinic, 1005 West Worley, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. No appointment is needed.

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Attachments:

[Flu Shot Calendar](#)

[2020 Influenza "Flu" Vaccine School-Based Clinic Consent Form \(English\)](#)

[2020 Consentimiento de vacuna contra la Influenza "Gripe" - Ofrecido por la escuela \(Spanish consent form\)](#)