

September 23, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2019-20 injectable Influenza vaccine (flu shot) will be given **free of charge** to students at Rock Bridge High School on **November 8, 2019, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**. The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services will be on site to administer the vaccine in the Performing Arts Center Lobby. **This opportunity to have your child vaccinated is strongly encouraged, but it is NOT mandatory.**

For your child to be vaccinated, the 2019 Influenza “Flu” Vaccine School-Based Clinic Consent Form must be:

- FULLY completed and SIGNED by the parent or legal guardian
- Completed for EACH CHILD (you must return a separate form for each child you want vaccinated)
- Returned to your school nurse by **October 29, 2019**.

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: <http://www.immunize.org/vis/> . You may also contact your school nurse or the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services for Vaccine Information Statements.

**If you decline, or do not return the required permission form to the school, the free flu vaccine will not be given to your student at school.**

If you return the consent form, and your child receives the flu vaccine elsewhere, it is important that you notify your school nurse immediately. This will prevent your child from receiving an unnecessary second dose of vaccine.

Boone County’s free flu vaccine program is made possible by these generous partners:

- MU Children’s Hospital
- David B. Lichtenstein Foundation

These organizations are funding free flu shots for **all Boone County children age 6 months – 18 years of age**. Children 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 am – 4:30 pm. No appointment is needed.

If you have any further questions, please contact your school nurses, Tammy Adkins RN and Danielle Lamm, RN at 214-3117.