September 26, 2017

Dear Parent,

The Department of Health offers seasonal influenza vaccine for children aged 6 months through 18 years. Influenza vaccination helps protect children from the flu and its complications and decreases the spread of influenza in the community, as children are often the biggest spreaders of the disease to adults and other children.

An influenza vaccination clinic for school-age children will be held at the ***Elkton School***the morning of **Thursday, October 12, 2017.**

The flu vaccine that will be given in Elkton on October 12, 2017, will be offered as a free flu shot this year and will not be billed to insurance companies as it was last year.

Children age 8 or younger who have not had two doses of flu vaccine in their lifetime prior to July 1, 2017 need two doses of vaccine this year separated by 4 weeks. You can contact the Community Health Office or your medical provider to schedule the second dose.

If you would like your child to receive the influenza vaccine, please complete the following:

1. Review the Vaccine Information statement carefully. Keep for future reference.
2. Complete the Seasonal Influenza Consent Form with a:
   1. Signature
   2. Phone number you can be reached at during the time of the clinic.
3. **Return the completed consent form to the school by *October 6th, 2017.***

If you have questions, please contact:

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