



Our mission is to develop children who are confident and creative learners. We provide a rigorous curriculum and a supportive school environment that promotes high achievement, encourages personal growth, and meets the unique needs of each child.

SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming opportunity for your child to receive this year's flu vaccination at school. Flu, or influenza, is a contagious respiratory virus that affects the respiratory system and spreads easily from person-to-person through coughing and sneezing. Getting an annual flu vaccine is the single best way to protect yourself and your family from flu and flu-related complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis, or worsening of chronic health conditions, such as heart disease, asthma, or diabetes. There is no out-of-pocket cost and all enrolled students are eligible, including those with private insurance, Medicaid and no insurance.

This year, flu vaccinations will be offered for students on November 20 and November 23. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile through Advocate Children's Hospital will operate school-based flu vaccination clinics for students while following current health and safety guidelines. Participation in the flu vaccination clinic is voluntary and participating students will be given the injectable vaccine.

Participating students from the Early Childhood Center and Old Orchard Junior High School are assigned **November 20, 2020**. The flu clinic van will be set up at **Old Orchard Junior High School** at the following address: 9310 N Kenton Ave, Skokie, IL 60076.

Participating students from Devonshire, Highland and Stenson Elementary are assigned **November 23, 2020**. The flu clinic van will be set up at **Highland Elementary School** at the following address: 9700 Crawford Ave, Skokie, IL 60076.

If you would like for your student to receive the flu vaccine at school, an appointment must be made by contacting the health clerk at your school. Additionally, please fill out the attached Influenza Vaccine Consent Form making sure that all relevant insurance information is included. The consent form can be brought to your appointment. Appointments are scheduled in 10 minute increments and social distancing and safety measures will be followed.

If you have any questions about your child receiving this vaccine, please contact your child's primary care physician. Lastly, if you would like your child to receive this year's flu vaccine, please contact your health staff at school as follows to set up an appointment:

- Devonshire Elementary: Ms. Tamras – 847- 568-4904
- Highland Elementary: Ms. Vakharia – 847-676-5004
- Stenson Elementary: Ms. Brown – 847-676-7304
- Old Orchard Junior High and Early Childhood Center – Ms. Balici – 847-568-7504

Sincerely,
Health Services