

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Margaret Mary Health has agreed to give the flu vaccine to students at your child's school this fall.

The flu shot (injection) will be the only form of flu vaccine available.

The FluMist nasal spray will NOT be available anywhere this season because the CDC has "data showing poor or relatively lower effectiveness of the nasal spray from 2013 through 2016" compared to the flu injection.

Vaccine charges

Medicaid – A child, 0 through 18 years of age, who has any form of Medicaid, MD-Wise, Hoosier Healthwise, Anthem Medicaid, or MHS (Managed Health Services) can receive the flu vaccine for free.

No Health Insurance - A child, 0 through 18 years of age, who does <u>not</u> have health insurance, can receive the flu vaccine for free.

Insurance Does Not Cover Vaccines - A child, 0 through 18 years of age, who does have insurance, but the insurance does not cover vaccine, can receive the flu vaccine for free.

Insurance - Most insurance plans now cover the flu vaccine. Please contact your insurance company to verify coverage. Vaccines are billed as "preventative" and usually covered under the wellness category of your insurance plan. The MMH Wellness Clinic's Provider is Dr. Thomas A. DeCilles M.D.

If you have any questions contact:

- Margaret Mary Health Wellness Clinic at (812) 934-0699
- Your school nurse
- Your child's healthcare provider

Consent form due: October 5th, 2016.

No late forms will be accepted.