

Dear Rankin County School District Parent/Guardian:

Flu Season is upon us. Influenza, commonly referred to as “the flu” is a contagious, serious, and potentially deadly disease. The single best way to prevent influenza is to receive a vaccination each year. RCSD is helping to protect our students and staff against the flu by offering voluntary influenza vaccinations.

The inactivated influenza vaccine (flu shot) is a dead virus vaccine administered by injection with a needle into the muscle, most commonly in the arm. It is available to all eligible students and staff.

The cost of the vaccine is \$25.00, check or money order only. Flu shot clinics will begin on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and end on Friday, October 25, 2019. The schedule is posted online www.rcsd.ms.

If you would like to be vaccinated, please do the following:

1. Read the vaccine information statement from the CDC for the influenza vaccine;
2. Complete the consent form (ONE PER PERSON);
3. Make check or money order payable to Brandon Discount Drugs (BDD) for the amount of \$25.00. Include a driver’s license number, current address and phone number on your check (ONE CHECK PER PERSON);
4. Staple payment to the consent form and return them to your child’s school office by Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

The CDC recommends that children less than 9 years of age receive two doses of the influenza vaccine the first year they are vaccinated, approximately one month apart. Consult with your physician to determine if your child requires a vaccination booster, and make arrangements for a second dose to be given.

Thank you for your participation and support as we continue to strive to keep our students and staff healthy and flu free!

Sincerely,
RCSD School Nurses