

October 23, 2020

Dear SHS Families,

We are very pleased to announce that we will be partnering with Shoppers Drug Mart to hold a **flu vaccine clinic on campus for the students and employees of The Sterling Hall School in early November**. Pharmacists will be administering the influenza vaccine via injection on November 2, 3, 4, and 6. The influenza vaccine is publicly funded for all Ontario residents, so there is no cost.

Ensuring the health and safety of our students and community is a priority, especially during periods of increased community spread of COVID-19, and amid the onset of cold and flu season. We will be adhering to stringent health & safety measures and Pharmacists will be wearing appropriate PPE throughout the clinics. We have arranged for additional nurses onsite for the duration of our flu clinics.

For participation, we require written consent well in advance. Please click HERE for a fillable PDF version of the Influenza Screening and Consent form from Shoppers Drug Mart. **Please complete and return a consent form for each child to nurse@sterlinghall.com by October 27, 2020**, if you wish your son(s) to receive an influenza vaccine during this clinic. Due to pharmacists' documentation requirements, we will be unable to accommodate forms received after this date.

Please note:

- Pharmacists can only administer vaccines to boys 5 years of age and older. Boys under the age of 5 will not be eligible to participate.
- All students receiving a flu shot will be required to wear a mask while doing so.
- Boys who are under the age of 9 and are receiving the influenza vaccine for the first time will be required to obtain a second dose after four weeks. Shoppers Drug Mart Pharmacists will be returning to SHS in four weeks to administer these doses. More details on the timing of this clinic will be shared at a later date.



- Please complete the screening and consent form fully, including your son's health card number. (If your son does not have a health card, please complete the forms and contact the SHS nurse).
- Parents should contact their pharmacy or doctor's office to further discuss influenza vaccination appropriateness and eligibility.

Sincerely,

Rick Parsons Principal

