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Dear School Principal or Superintendent:

<u>State code 20 ILCS 2310/2310-700</u> requires that the Illinois Department of Public Health provide informational materials for school districts regarding influenza and influenza vaccinations and meningococcal disease and meningococcal vaccinations.

Please distribute printed or electronic copies to parents or guardians of the students in your school. Most of the publications below are for students of all ages. The meningococcal information should be provided to parents or guardians of age-appropriate students. The age-based recommendation for meningococcal vaccination is for children 11 years of age or older. I have also included additional information that may be useful to parents.

	ENGLISH	SPANISH
Meningococcal Vaccination	Meningococcal Vaccines for Preteens and Teens Fact Sheet- Updated July 2019 (cdc.gov)	Vacunas antimeningocócicas para preadolescentes y adolescentes.pdf (cdc.gov)
	Meningococcal Vaccination (cdc.gov)	Vacunación antimeningocócica (cdc.gov)
Influenza Vaccination	Seasonal Flu Partner Resources Center CDC – Please keep checking this page for the 2023- 2024 influenza season toolkit.	Centro de Recursos para socios contra la influenza estacional CDC - Please keep checking this page for the 2023-2024 influenza season toolkit.
	Parents: Help Children Fight Flu CDC	Padres: Ayudar a los niños a combatir la influenza CDC
	Flu-Vaccine-Infographic.pdf (familiesfightingflu.org)	Flu-Vaccine-Infographic - Spanish.pdf (familiesfightingflu.org)

Easy to Read	Vaccine Schedule for Children 6 Years or Younger CDC	Calendario de vacunación de niños en formato fácil de leer CDC
Vaccine Schedules	Vaccine Schedule for Children, 7 to 18 Years Old CDC	Calendario de vacunación en formato fácil de leer de los 7 a los 18 años de edad CDC
Vaccine Information for Parents	Vaccines for Your Children CDC	Vacunas para sus hijos CDC
COVID-19 Vaccine	Vaccines for COVID-19 CDC Please keep checking these pages for changes coming this fall.	Vacunas contra el COVID-19 CDC Please keep checking these pages for changes coming this fall.

Parents may also be interested in Vaccine Information Statements (VIS). To access VIS in English and 47 other languages, go to Immunize.org: <u>Vaccine Information Statement.</u>

Thank you for your assistance in providing this important information to the families of students in your care.

Sincerely,

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