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*To prepare students for a
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Dear MJHS and MHS families:

The opportunities highlighted below will be of interest to parents or guardians who wish to have their Jr. High or High School student(s) vaccinated against the flu.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend a flu shot for most children. We encourage you to speak to your health care provider or read more online at [cdc.gov/flu](https://www.cdc.gov/flu). This year, we are sharing two flu vaccination options for Maryville families. As in the past, children covered by TennCare can utilize the services offered by the Blount County Health Department for vaccinations – including flu. In addition to their family medical practitioner, privately insured students now have the option of an in-school flu vaccination clinic offered by Kroger.

STUDENTS COVERED BY MEDICARE IN TENNESSEE (TENNCARE): Students insured by TennCare are invited to visit the Blount County Health Department to receive a flu shot. To schedule an appointment or for more information, you can contact the Blount County Health Department at (865)983-4582.

STUDENTS COVERED BY PRIVATE INSURANCE: Kroger will host clinics for Jr. High and High School students who are covered by private insurance on the following dates and approximate times.

- @MHS 10/26 at 9 am
- @MJHS 10/26 at 10:30 am

To participate in one of the Kroger vaccination clinics, you must return a completed consent form and a copy of your insurance card to your child's school nurse or first-period teacher by Monday, October 23rd. Most private insurance plans waive the co-pay for vaccinations. If your insurance company requires a co-pay for vaccinations, please make an appointment with your health care provider.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: If you are insured through TennCare, please make an appointment with the Health Department. If you are privately insured and have a co-pay for vaccinations, please make an appointment with your healthcare provider. If you are privately insured and do not have a co-pay for vaccinations, please return your consent form with a copy of your insurance card by 10/23/2023.

If you have questions about either of these opportunities, please contact me at (865)982-7121 or heather.ledbetter@maryville-schools.org.

Kindest Regards,
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