



# Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District

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Dear SEBRSD Parents/Guardians,

We are writing this letter today to inform you that the state of Massachusetts is suspending its requirement which necessitates students to get the flu vaccine. This decision was made citing a mild flu season and the focus on vaccinating against the coronavirus. The move spares parents whose children have yet to get the flu shot needing to worry about getting two vaccines this year - though health officials are still urging everyone to get the flu shot.

The Department of Public Health said in a statement Friday, January 15, 2021 it is removing the requirement, which mandated children from 6 months be vaccinated against the flu if they were to attend anything from child care programs and e-schools through college.

“Preliminary data show that this has been a mild flu season to date, presumably as people have received their seasonal flu vaccine and have been adhering to mask-wearing and social distancing due to COVID-19” the DPH said. “Given the intensive Commonwealth-wide efforts regarding COVID-19 vaccination, DPH wants to alleviate the burden to obtain flu vaccination and focus on continuing COVID-19 vaccination efforts.”

If you should have any questions regarding this statement please reach out to your school nurse.

Thank you,

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