

Dear Parents/Guardians:

CentraCare is working with your local school to give the seasonal influenza vaccine to students in grades K-12. This vaccine will protect against the influenza strains that are expected to circulate this year. We recognize that preventing influenza and other respiratory illnesses to keep students, staff, families, and communities healthy is more important this year than ever before.

We will be holding a flu vaccination clinic on the mornings of **Thursday, October 13th at Redwood Valley Middle/High School and Friday, October 14th at Reede Gray Elementary School.** Please complete and return the consent form to your child’s school by **Thursday October 6th, 2022.**

If you would like your child to receive the influenza vaccine, please read, and **fill out** the enclosed **Influenza Vaccination Clinic Form** and **sign** the **Admission Consent**. The Admission Consent is giving consent for your child to receive the vaccine and for us to bill your insurance. Completing these forms will allow us to give your child the vaccine. We will file charges for the vaccine with your insurance provider. Any unpaid balance will be your responsibility.

Please read the Vaccine Information Sheet included with this letter about the disease and the vaccine.

If at any time you change your mind about having your child vaccinated, or have questions about the flu vaccine, please contact your child’s clinic. You can also visit our website at [www.carrishealth.com](http://www.carrishealth.com)

Your child’s health care provider at your clinic can also give your child the seasonal influenza vaccine, as well as answer your questions about the influenza virus or vaccine.

Visit the CDC or MDH influenza website for more information: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) OR <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/basics/fluparent.html>

Sincerely,

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***We’re here for your whole life — to listen, then serve, to guide and heal. Because health means everything.***