



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Mount Rogers Health District

201 Francis Marion Lane

Marion, VA 24354

FLU VACCINATION CLINICS IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUESTED

Dear Parents, Students, and School Staff,

Influenza (flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by infection with a new coronavirus (called SARS-CoV-2) and flu is caused by infection with influenza viruses. Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In an effort to prevent as much illness as possible, it is strongly recommended that everyone receive a flu immunization. The Mount Rogers Health District, in cooperation with Washington County Public Schools, are pleased to provide flu vaccination clinics for students and school staff during the month of September and October.

The Mount Rogers Health District will offer the flu shot. Medicaid and private insurances will be billed but there will be no out-of-pocket expenses billed to the patient.

- Register at <https://redcap.link/MRHDschoolflu>. **To allow sufficient time to review the health histories, it is important that you register by September 27th.**
- Be sure to read the vaccine information sheet, which is provided at the REDCap link above.

We appreciate your help in keeping yourself, your schools, and our communities healthy. For more information on flu frequently asked questions, go to this site: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2021-2022.htm>. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Washington County Health Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Noelle S Bissell'.

Noelle S Bissell, M.D.

Director, New River Health District

Acting Director Mount Rogers, Lenowisco, & Cumberland Plateau Health Districts