



Reminder from the Sharon School Health Office

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we move toward flu season, I wanted to reach out to you about the New Jersey state influenza vaccination requirement for preschool children. The law requires that every child **six months through 59 months of age** who attends any child care center or preschool facility must annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between Sept. 1st and Dec. 31st. As your child is enrolled in the Preschool Program at Sharon Elementary School, they will need to receive at least one dose of the flu vaccine this fall.

Please contact your physician as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. Once your child has received the flu vaccine, please forward documentation from their physician indicating the date it was given, so your child's health record may be updated. Your physician may provide a copy of your preschooler's immunization record or a note indicating the date the shot was given. Please provide this information to the Health Office by December 16th.

If your child does not receive the state required vaccine and does not have a letter of medical or religious exemption, **they will not be permitted to return to school when school resumes** after winter break in January. This is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.2.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to keep our children safe and healthy. Please contact the Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you from your health team,

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