

September 22th, 2015

Dear Parents or Guardians;

Barron County Public Health recognizes that the best way to prevent influenza or “the flu” is to be vaccinated. This school year Barron County Public Health and Cumberland HealthCare are teaming up to vaccinate Barron County youth. Public Health will be offering a flu vaccine clinic at the Cumberland Elementary and High School on **Wednesday, October 1st from 9a.m.-12 p.m. at the Elementary School and from 1-3:30 p.m. at the High School.**

Attached are the vaccine information sheets (VIS’s) for both the injectable (shot) and nasal (nose spray) forms of the vaccine and a consent form. If you wish to have your child vaccinated, please read through the vaccine information sheets (VIS’s), complete the consent form for your child, and return the consent form to your child’s school office. **A separate consent form is needed for each student who will receive the vaccine.** Consent forms are due back to your child’s school office by .

The CDC recommends that all individuals age 6 months and older receive the influenza vaccine. Because school settings are places where a lot of things are “shared”- including illness, all students and staff are felt to be at risk for becoming ill with influenza. Parents are welcome to bring their children who are 6 months and older to be vaccinated.

If you have any questions regarding the school flu clinics or the flu vaccine, please call the Barron County Public Health Department at 715-537-5691, press 5 and then 3. Thank you for keeping the health of your children and others a priority.

Sincerely,

Kay Capra