

# Newsletter for Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This influenza (flu) season we would like to help protect our student body by providing flu vaccines during school hours. The Dawson County Health Department will be offering flu shots with one of two types of vaccine. If your child has health insurance, we will bill your insurance provider.

- ❖ **Flumist®** (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine - LAIV): an influenza vaccine that is sprayed into the nose.
- ❖ **Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV)**: an influenza vaccine that is given as a shot. Inactivated influenza vaccine will be either trivalent (TIV) or quadrivalent (QIV).

For more information on the vaccine types above, please see the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) attached.

Influenza Vaccination Clinic Date and Location:

<u>10/21/2014</u>	<u>Kilough Elementary, Dawson Head Start, Hightower</u>
<u>10/22/2014</u>	<u>Robinson Elementary, Dawson Middle School, Dawson High School</u>
<u>10/23/2014</u>	<u>Riverview Elementary, Riverview Middle School, Blacks Mill Elementary</u>
Date	School Name

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**If you would like to have your child vaccinated during the above school based flu clinic please:**

1. Review the Vaccination Information Statement (VIS) for each type of vaccine (intranasal/inactivated).
2. Sign, date, and return the attached Consent Form to your school clinic nurse before **October 10th**.
3. **The Vaccination Information Statement (VIS), and the Consent Form can be found and printed at [www.dawsoncountyschools.org](http://www.dawsoncountyschools.org), or from your child's school.**

***Note: If the consent form is not signed, dated and returned, your child(ren) will not be immunized.***

The choice of vaccine will depend on your answers to questions about the health of your child noted on the attached consent form. Children up to 8 years of age may need a second dose approximately one month after the first dose. We will provide the second dose during Visit 2.

We thank you in advance for helping to keep our students safe and healthy. If you have any questions about the influenza vaccine, please feel free to contact the school nurse or your health care provider.

*Please note that participation and receipt of influenza vaccine through this program is completely voluntary. The health care provider for your child can answer your questions about the influenza virus and will be able to vaccinate your child against seasonal influenza. For additional information please visit the CDC influenza websites at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/> and <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/parents>.*