



**Cedar Rapids Community School District  
School-Based Health Centers & Services**

Date

Dear Parents:

We are writing to inform you that our CRCSD School-Based Health Centers will be offering a limited supply of the flu vaccine to district students this year. This vaccine is being offered through the Vaccines for Children Program, which provides free vaccine to children who are without health insurance, are on Medicaid (Title 19), or have insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. At this time, we are unable to immunize children whose insurance will pay for the flu vaccine.

Influenza (flu) is a serious disease caused by a virus that is spread from infected persons to the nose or throat of others. Influenza is a highly infectious disease that can lead to pneumonia. Each year 114,000 people are hospitalized and 36,000 die of influenza. Anyone can get influenza and those with long-term health problems are most at risk of developing complications from the flu. The influenza vaccine can prevent influenza.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends all children 6 months to 18 years of age should have annual vaccinations for influenza.

If you are interested in having your child receive the flu vaccine and you believe your child qualifies, please call one of our Metro Care Connection sites below for an appointment.

Sincerely,

(Insert School Nurse Name)

**Taylor Health Center**  
720 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
558-2481

**Metro Health Center**  
1212 7<sup>th</sup> St SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
558-2272

**Wilson Health Center**  
2301 J St SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
558-2003

**Jefferson Health Center**  
1243 20<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
558-2221