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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who joined our efforts to protect their children and prevent the spread of disease by getting their children vaccinated during the 2010-11 school year. We would like to inform parents that once again the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department (KCHD) is partnering with Kanawha County Schools to bring the flu vaccination to your child's school for the third consecutive year. Vaccination Clinics will be held at every school for grades K – 12.

Influenza vaccination is the best way to protect your family from this potentially serious disease. The CDC recommends that every person over the age of 6 months receive the flu vaccine unless contraindicated. Our goal is to give every family in Kanawha County an opportunity to get protected against flu either through their medical home or school clinics.

Similar to last year, we do ask that if your child is covered under a health insurance plan, please include the insurance information on the registration form provided. KCHD can bill and accept insurance payment for this service. If your child is not covered by health insurance, your child will receive the vaccine free of charge through the Vaccines for Children's program. Both the preservative-free flu shot and the intranasal spray are available. As some children under 8 may require a second dose, you should consult with your child's pediatrician or visit KCHD's website for more information. Please follow the easy steps outlined below, if you would like to have your child vaccinated at school.

KCHD will also be holding flu vaccination clinics at many community locations throughout Kanawha County and at your health department. Please check our website at www.kchd.wv.org or call our flu line at 304.348.6882 for a complete schedule. We look forward to another successful school flu vaccination campaign. Thank you for joining our mission to make Kanawha County a safer, healthier community.

Sincerely,

Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, FACP
Kanawha County Health Officer

Sincerely,

Ronald Duerring, Ed.D
Superintendent, Kanawha County Schools

TO GIVE CONSENT FOR YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE THEIR INFLUENZA VACCINATION FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

Step 1: Review information for both the shot and nasal form of the flu vaccine and decide which vaccine is best for your child.

Step 2: If you would like for your child to receive the **shot**, please complete the **white consent form**. If you would like your child to receive the **nasal** vaccine, please complete the **yellow consent form**. Fill out BOTH front and back of the consent/screening form for the type of vaccine you choose. **YOUR signature is required for consent.**

Step 3: Return the registration form to your school by the deadline date.