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Dear Independence School District Staff:

The City of Independence Health Department is working with your school to give the seasonal influenza, Tdap, and pneumococcal vaccines to staff at each school building. This year's flu vaccine will protect against all four influenza strains that are expected to circulate this year. We will hold vaccination clinics beginning this fall; specific dates for your school can be found at the end of this letter or at <u>www.isdschoools.org</u>.

Please see the following site for the most current Vaccine Information Statements on the flu, Tdap, and pneumococcal vaccines: <u>http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html</u>. We will have injectable vaccine (shot) or the nasal spray as options for influenza vaccination. If you have a preference of which type of vaccine you would like to receive, please check the appropriate box on the consent form. We will do our best to provide your preferred type, but may not be able to do so in all cases because of eligibility for vaccine and supply.

Attached is a vaccine consent form for you to complete to receive the vaccines at school. Forms are available from your school nurse. If you would like to receive the vaccines at school, please fill out and sign the accompanying form and return it to your school nurse by the date listed in the chart below. All staff must be pre-registered. Information collected will be provided to the Independence Health Department which in turn will be shared with Vaxcare for billing purposes. The health department will comply with all confidentiality requirements applicable under state and federal law, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

To complete the Payment Information section of the form, here's what you need to do:

- Please complete the form and indicate if you have an eligible insurance listed on the form that will pay for the flu vaccine and provide all the insurance information.
- If you do not have an eligible insurance listed on the form, but would still like the vaccine, you may pay out of pocket (check only). Out of pocket pricing is as follows:
 - Influenza: \$30
 - Tdap: \$44
 - Pneumonia: \$82

Please visit the CDC's influenza web site at <u>http://www.cdc.gov/flu/</u> for more information or your health care provider also can answer your questions about the influenza virus.

If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccination clinics, please call the Independence Health Department at 816-325-7185 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

City of Independence Health Department Communicable Disease and Immunization

School	Consent form due back to school	Clinic date*
Benton, Bryant	August 29	September 18
Procter, Sugar Creek	August 29	September 19
Glendale, Blackburn	August 29	September 22
Santa Fe Trail, Luff	September 2	September 23
Ott	September 3	September 24
Randall, Spring Branch	September 5	September 26
Fairmount, Mallinson	September 8	September 29
Three Trails	September 9	September 30
Mill Creek	September 11	October 1
Little Blue	September 12	October 2
Sycamore Hills, Wm. Southern	September 13	October 3
Independence Academy, Korte	September 15	October 6
Pioneer Ridge	September 16	October 7
Bingham	September 17	October 8
Bridger	September 18	October 9
Nowlin	September 19	October 10
William Chrisman	September 23	October 14
Van Horn	September 24	October 15
Truman	September 25	October 16
Transportation	September 26	October 17
Central Office, Hanthorn, Sunshine	September 29	October 20

*Clinic dates subject to change based on vaccine availability.