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Dear School Principal or Superintendent:

<u>State code 20 ILCS 2310/2310-700</u> requires that the Illinois Department of Public Health provide informational materials for school districts regarding influenza and influenza vaccinations and meningococcal disease and meningococcal vaccinations.

Please distribute printed or electronic copies to parents or guardians of the students in your school. Most of the publications below are for students of all ages. The meningococcal information should be provided to parents or guardians of age-appropriate students. The age-based recommendation for meningococcal vaccination is for children 11 years of age or older. I have also included additional information that may be useful to parents.

	ENGLISH	SPANISH
Meningococcal	Meningococcal Vaccines for	Vacunas antimeningocócicas para
Vaccination	Preteens and Teens Fact Sheet-	<u>preadolescentes y</u>
	<u>Updated July 2019 (cdc.gov)</u>	adolescentes.pdf (cdc.gov)
	Stay Healthy, Stay in the Game	Con salud, el juego no para
	Flu: A Guide for Parents	La influenza: una guía para los
		<u>padres</u>
 Influenza	Seasonal Flu Partner Resources	Centro de recursos sobre la
Vaccination	Center CDC	influenza CDC
	Parents: Help Children Fight Flu	Padres: Ayudar a los niños a
	CDC	combatir la influenza CDC
	Flu-Vaccine-Infographic.pdf	Flu-Vaccine-Infographic -
	(familiesfightingflu.org)	Spanish.pdf (familiesfightingflu.org)
Easy to Read Vaccine Schedules	Vaccine Schedule for Children 6	Calendario de vacunación de niños
	Years or Younger CDC	en formato fácil de leer CDC
	Vaccine Schedule for Children, 7 to	<u>Calendario de vacunación en</u>
vaccine schedules	18 Years Old CDC	formato fácil de leer de los 7 a los 18
		años de edad CDC

Vaccine	Vaccines for Your Children CDC	<u>Vacuna por edad</u>
Information for		
Parents		
COVID-19 Vaccine	Staying Up to Date with COVID-19	Mantenerse al día con las vacunas
	<u>Vaccines</u>	contra el COVID-19
	Vaccines for COVID-19 CDC	Vacunas contra el COVID-19

Parents may also be interested in Vaccine Information Statements (VIS). To access VIS in English and 47 other languages, go to Immunize.org: <u>Vaccine Information Statement.</u>

Thank you for your assistance in providing this important information to the families of students in your care.

Sincerely,

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