



# BARRON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Barron County Public Health recognizes that the best way to prevent influenza or “the flu” is to be vaccinated. This school year Barron County Public Health will vaccinate Barron County youth, at NO COST to families. We will be offering a flu vaccine clinic at **Rice Lake Middle School and Hilltop Elementary on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> for students at these schools between the hours of 9:30 am and 3:30 pm.**

Attached is the vaccine information sheets (VIS) for the injectable (shot) and a consent form. The nasal spray was found to not be as effective last year and will not be offered.

If you wish to have your child vaccinated, please read through the vaccine information sheet (VIS), complete the consent form for your child, and return the consent form to your child’s school office. **A separate consent form is needed for each student who will receive the vaccine.** Consent forms are due back to your child’s school office by Thursday, November 3.

The CDC recommends that all individuals age 6 months and older receive the influenza vaccine. Because school settings are places where a lot of things are “shared”, including illness, all students and staff are felt to be at risk for becoming ill with influenza.

If you have any questions regarding the school flu clinics or the flu vaccine, please call the Barron County Public Health Department at 715-537-6127 and 715-537-6126. Thank you for keeping the health of your children and others a priority.

Sincerely,

Laura Sauve, RN BSN  
Barron County Health Officer