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SCHOOL INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Vaccination Basics

- A vaccine is a product that produces immunity from a disease and can be administered through needle injections, by mouth, or by aerosol.
- A vaccination is the injection of a killed or weakened organism that produces immunity in the body against that organism.
- An immunization is the process by which a person or animal becomes protected from a disease. Vaccines cause immunization, and there are also some diseases that cause immunization after an individual recovers from the disease.

Where Can I Get Vaccinated?

If you do not currently have a regular source of care, federally funded health centers provide a number of health care services even if you have no health insurance. You pay what you can afford, based on your income. Federally-funded health centers provide:

- Immunizations and checkups for your children
- Checkups when you're well
- Treatment when you're sick
- Complete care when you're pregnant
- Dental care and prescription drugs for your family
- Mental health and substance abuse care if you need it

Click on the link or use the web address below to enter your zip code. HealthMap Vaccine Finder will provide a list of local clinic options, address of clinic, hours of operation, and vaccines offered.

<http://www.vaccines.gov/getting/where/index.html>

All information gathered from vaccines.gov.

Visit <http://www.vaccines.gov/> for more information.

(Insert School Letterhead here)

Dear Families,

As we begin the new school year we would like to draw your attention to a special situation on our team this year. One of our classmates and friends has a [heart] condition called _____. Due to this condition, our friend may become very sick from catching any common cold or virus that spreads around the classroom. We will spend time practicing washing our hands thoroughly, always covering our coughs and sneezes, and cleaning up our workspaces using sanitation wipes as part of our routines and procedures as the new school year begins, however we ask that you please help keep these skills an expectation by including them as part of your home routine as well. In addition, we ask that you please consider this when sending your child to school with a mild cold or cough. If you are undecided about sending your child to school due to illness please err on the side of caution and keep them home for the day. Please do not send your child if he/she has a fever. We will be happy to accommodate that absence to the greatest reasonable extent possible.

In addition, we've included some information on vaccinations on the back of this note to make it as easy as possible to keep our friend safe and protected. We understand it is a family's right to choose if vaccination is the best option for them, however we urge those who may be considering vaccination to check with your child's pediatrician or locate a local walk-in clinic to schedule an appointment today!

Let's get ready for a great school year!

Sincerely,

The _____ Grade Teaching Team