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Dear New Bedford Public Schools Parents/Guardians:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that the influenza vaccine will now be required for all children, aged 6 months and older, attending Massachusetts child care, pre-school, kindergarten, K-12, and colleges and universities. Students will be expected to have received a flu vaccine by **December 31, 2020**, for the 2020-2021 influenza season, unless either a medical or religious exemption is provided. This documentation must be provided to the school nurse.

Please note that elementary and secondary students in districts and schools using a remote education model are not exempt. Students in Cohort D are still required to receive the flu vaccine by **December 31, 2020**. Please refer to the website below for additional information.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/flu-vaccine-now-required-for-all-massachusetts-school-students-enrolled-in-child-care-pre>

The health services department is working with local pharmacies and public health agencies to provide flu clinics for our families and help get this requirement met. Please schedule appointments now by contacting your pediatrician, local pharmacy, or visiting the NBPS website or Facebook Page for more information on upcoming flu clinics.

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Thank You and Stay Safe,

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