

DATE: October 18, 2022

Dear RSU 9 Families,

Franklin Community Health Network is partnering with RSU 9 (Mt. Blue Regional School District) to offer free flu and Pfizer COVID-19 booster vaccinations for RSU 9 students. This letter outlines the information you need to know for your child to receive these vaccinations if you choose.

Academy Hill School - November 1, 2022 (Tuesday)	W.G. Mallett School - November 4, 2022 (Friday)
G.D. Cushing School - November 1, 2022 (Tuesday)	Mt. Blue Middle School - November 17, 2022 (Thursday)
Cape Cod Hill School - November 1, 2022 (Tuesday)	Mt. Blue Campus - November 17, 2022 (Thursday)
Cascade Brook School - November 4, 2022 (Friday)	

***These vaccines are optional.*** However, we, along with our community medical partners and supports, believe strongly that there are several important reasons to consider this opportunity:

- The vaccines will give you some reassurance this holiday season. As people get together with friends and family, you will know your student is protected from COVID-19 and seasonal flu.
- The vaccines will also help prevent your student from transmitting the virus to others.
- It's safe for your child to receive the flu and COVID-19 booster at the same time.
- Both vaccines are free.
- Students who are vaccinated miss less school time.
- To learn more about the benefits, safety, and efficacy of the COVID-19 Vaccine from a local doctor please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xhpjWA97uw>

**Here's what you need to know:**

If your child is getting a vaccine please complete the following prior to the clinic:

1. Eligibility requirements for COVID booster are:
  - a. at least two months after receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose or booster dose.
2. Fill out, sign, and return the consent form(s) to the school nurse. Please note, **there are TWO consent forms**, one for the [Flu vaccine](#) and one for [COVID-19 booster](#). A consent form will need to be completed for each of the vaccines you want your child to have. For example if you want them to have both vaccines, both forms need to be filled out. Please make sure BOTH SIDES of each form are filled out, signed, and dated.
3. Fill out the [registration](#) and return the consent form to the school nurse.
4. Your child **MUST** have a copy of their COVID-19 vaccine card in order to receive a booster. A picture or a copy of the vaccine will work. If you can't find your student's vaccine card, reach out to the location they received it. If they received it at a school clinic, please call Franklin Memorial Hospital for a copy.
5. Review vaccine fact sheets:
  - a. [COVID-19 booster](#)
  - b. [Flu](#)

**If you would like a paper copy of the registration form, consent forms for the flu vaccine, and/or COVID-19 booster, please call your school.**

For any other questions please email or call Healthy Community Coalition at [hcc@mainehealth.org](mailto:hcc@mainehealth.org) or 207-778-3136.