Immunization Update

 The first Legal Notices for Main and North Campus students who are not up-to-date with immunizations have been distributed. Because Harambee did not start until 9/6 their first notice will be distributed 9/25. A second Legal Notice will go out on 9/21 for Main and North and on 10/7 for Harambee. On the 31th day of school students in K4 – 5th grade who are not up-to-date will not be allowed to return to school until we receive documentation that they are. While 6th – 8th grade students are allowed to attend school they may not, as stated in the School Handbook, participate in extracurricular activities (sports, choir etc) or go on field trips.

This school year we have 113 students who are not up-to-date (a new high, unfortunately) and over half of those students are 6th graders (with a few 7th & 8th graders) who only need a Tdap (tetanus & diphtheria booster), the last immunization they will need for 10 years.

Walgreens will immunize children 7 years old and up. You can make an appointment at Walgreens.com/ScheduleVaccine. CVS will vaccinate children age 3 and up. Appointments can be scheduled at CVS.com/immunization. Be sure to take the Legal Notice and Immunization Record you received from school so the Pharmacist knows for sure which vaccine(s) your child needs.

If you choose to have your child immunized by their Healthcare Provider inform the office that your child will be excluded from school so they understand the urgency. This should not count as the yearly checkup as it is unlikely that you will see the Provider.

The Milwaukee Health Department holds vaccination clinics for BadgerCare or uninsured clients at the Northwest Health Center, 7630 W. Mill Road and Southside Health Center, 1639 S 23rd Street. Hours are Tuesday/Thursday 2pm-6pm and Friday 10am-2pm. Appointments are not needed. They also administer flu and Covid vaccines free of charge to clients 18 months and older regardless of insurance.

Kary Wiesler, our former school nurse, is managing immunization documentation for us this year. Please direct any questions to kary.wiesler@stmarcus.org.

Did you know that you can check your child’s immunizations in the Wisconsin Immunization Registry? You can! Instructions as well as FAQ about the registry are included in following brochure from the WIR.

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