

# Sedgwick Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

We received strong advice from our school physician, Dr. Lesko, that we administer the nasal spray vaccine to students who had already signed up for clinic that was going to be held Saturday, November 14. Dr. Lesko was concerned at the rate at which the illness was spreading among schoolchildren in Hancock County and did not want to delay vaccinating kids.

Students who have already signed up and filled out the forms will have the nasal, **and only the nasal**, vaccine administered to them here at school tomorrow beginning at 10 AM with pre-schoolers, then working our way up through the grades. Dr. Lesko, a medical assistant, and our school nurse, Barbara Grindle, will be here to administer the vaccine. We are making every effort to contact parents today to get permission to let you know about the change. **We strongly encourage every parent to be present when their children are getting the vaccine.**

It is important for parents to know that **we are not administering the shot form tomorrow**. That will be available on the 14th as scheduled. Also, **we cannot administer the vaccine to students who have not signed up in advance**. We were given fewer doses than requested and can only provide them for students who have submitted the proper forms **in advance**. I encourage you to contact your family physician for information.

I am truly sorry to have to drop this information on you on short notice. We are working with the medical personnel and our staff to make sure this process goes as smoothly as it can.

Please call me if you have questions or concerns. I can be reached at home this evening at 359-2158.

Sincerely,

Don Buckingham