

# Sturgis Charter Public School



An International Baccalaureate Diploma School

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Dear Sturgis Parents,

As you may be aware, Massachusetts has made it a requirement for all K-12th grade students to get a flu (or influenza) vaccine for the 2020-2021 flu season prior to December 31, 2020; this will remain as a yearly mandate. This mandate applies to all students, even those that are fully remote. All students will need to provide the school nurse with proof that they have had the flu vaccine prior to December, 31, 2020 or risk being excluded from school as a result of not complying with Massachusetts vaccine requirements. If the vaccine goes against your families sincere religious beliefs, or there is a medical reason why your child can not receive the vaccine, please submit documentation of this to the school nurse.

Getting the flu vaccine reduces one's risk for getting influenza, reduces the severity of symptoms if one does get sick, and reduces the risk of transmitting influenza onto others. By getting the flu shot you are decreasing your risk for severe flu symptoms that could require hospitalization, this reduces the likelihood that our healthcare system will be overburdened. This is especially important this year during the COVID-19 pandemic as we must ensure that our healthcare resources are available to help those who need them the most.

For questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse. Thank you,

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