

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR SCHOOL NURSES RE INFLUENZA VACCINE REQUIREMENT

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Greetings from the School Health Unit;

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is removing the requirement for flu vaccination for attendance in childcare/preschool, primary, secondary and postsecondary education. Preliminary data show that this has been a mild flu season to date, presumably as people have received their seasonal flu vaccine and have been adhering to mask-wearing and social distancing due to COVID-19. Given the intensive Commonwealth-wide efforts regarding COVID-19 vaccination, DPH wants to alleviate the burden to obtain flu vaccination and focus on continuing our COVID -19 vaccination efforts.

DPH continues to strongly recommend that everyone age six months and older receive their seasonal flu vaccine each year.

The updated schedule can be found [here](#).

Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of the young people and families of our Commonwealth,
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