

# New Flu Vaccine Requirement for all Massachusetts students



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Dear Saint Mary School Families:

Massachusetts public health officials announced on August 19<sup>th</sup> that influenza immunization will be required for all children ages six months and older who are attending Massachusetts childcare, pre-school, kindergarten, K-12, colleges and universities. The new vaccine requirement is an important step to reduce flu-related illness and the overall impact of respiratory illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students are expected to receive a flu vaccine by December 31, 2020 for the 2020-2021 influenza season (unless they qualify for an exemption). September and October are great months to get this done! Please submit documentation to me as soon as your child receives the flu vaccine. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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