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Dear Parents,

This letter is written to inform you of a new immunization requirement for DoDEA students. The Department of Defense Schools now requires the annual seasonal influenza vaccine. The addition of the seasonal influenza vaccine aligns with recommendations from the Centers of Disease Control, Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Department of Defense Joint Military Medical Services regulation on immunizations.

The requirement goes into effect starting this school year (Fall 2016) and will be a required vaccine for all students for every school year. We need all students to be vaccinated by December 1, 2016.

Below is some information that may be helpful in obtaining the required vaccination.

Influenza Vaccinations (Flu Shots) will be available for Tricare beneficiaries beginning in October 2016 at your Fort Bragg Primary Care Clinic by walk-in. Primary Care Clinics include: Family Medicine & Residency Clinic, Byers Medical Clinic, Hope Mills Medical Home, Fayetteville Medical Home, Linden Oaks Medical Home, Joel Health Clinic, Robinson Health Clinic, and Clark Clinic.

Flu shots will also be available at the North Post PX and South Post PX at dates and times below:

North Post PX:
- October 25th and 27th from 1100 to 1700
- November 5th from 1000 to 1500

South Post PX:
- October 18th and 20th from 1100 to 1700
- October 15th and 19th from 1000 to 1500

No Flumist will be offered nor is it authorized this season, due to poor efficacy. Injectable flu vaccine is the only available influenza source this year.

Beneficiaries may also get their seasonal flu vaccine from a participating TRICARE retail network pharmacy. Call your local network pharmacy to make sure it participates in the vaccine program and has the vaccine in stock. To find a network pharmacy near you, call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303 or visit online at www.expressscripts.com/TRICARE/pharmacy

The Emergency Department will not be giving any flu vaccines. Please do not visit the Emergency Department for Vaccines.

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