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Dear School Principal or Superintendent:

State code 20 ILCS 2310/2310-700 requires that the Illinois Department of Public Health provide informational materials for school districts regarding influenza and influenza vaccinations and meningococcal disease and meningococcal vaccinations.

Attached, you will find publications regarding both influenza and meningococcal vaccines to be distributed to students. Both the influenza and meningococcal publications are provided in English and Spanish.

Please distribute printed or electronic copies to parents or guardians of the students in your school to students in the following age groups:

- The influenza publication should be provided to parents or guardians of all students.
- The meningococcal publication should be provided to parents or guardians of age-appropriate students. The age-based recommendation for meningococcal vaccination is for children 11 years of age or older.

Thank you for your assistance in providing this important information to the families of students in your care.

Sincerely,

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