

July 26, 2023

## To Whom It May Concern:

North Central Health Care sponsors an Influenza & COVID vaccination program that aligns with the national movement to protect our patients, clients, residents, staff, and the public we serve. This year's fall vaccine clinic will contain the Influenza Annual Vaccine and the Monovalent COVID vaccine. Enclosed you will find the Vaccination Consent Form as well as education on the Influenza Vaccine. We will provide the Bivalent COVID vaccine education sheet once it has been created by the CDC on the units and on our website.

Please sign and return the completed Vaccination Consent Form via USPS mail using the enclosed prepaid envelope no later than Monday, August 28. Please make sure you sign by both the Influenza and COVID vaccine if you "consent to have" or "decline to have".

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness such as fever, chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache and runny or stuffy nose; potentially resulting in a serious outcome such as hospitalization or death.

COVID-19 is a contagious respiratory illness. It can cause mild to severe illness such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea; potentially resulting in a serious outcome such as hospitalization or death. People who previously received a bivalent mRNA vaccine dose(s) have the option to receive 1 or more additional bivalent mRNA vaccine doses.

Vaccine recommendations are all based on the 2023 recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For additional information please see the CDC website on preventable diseases at:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-immunization-schedule-ages-6months-older.pdf

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Connie Gliniecki, MVCC Director of Nursing, at 715-848-4303.

Please help us stop the spread of infection by getting vaccinated and refrain from visiting if you are ill.