

# *Martha's Vineyard Public Schools*

*Excellence and Equity For All Children*

**MATTHEW T. D'ANDREA, LP.D.**  
SUPERINTENDENT

*Equal Opportunity Employer*

**HOPE T. MACLEOD, M.ED., BCBA**  
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES  
(SECONDARY)

**RICHARD M. SMITH, Ed.D.**  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

**NANCY W. DUGAN, M.ED., BCBA**  
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES  
(ELEMENTARY)

**MARK FRIEDMAN**  
SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

**RUDA STONE**  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE  
SUPERINTENDENT

## **Updated 12-23-20**

Hello Families,

The state of Massachusetts has required that for the 2020-2021 school year, the influenza vaccine will be required for all students attending school.

The influenza vaccine is always important to receive in order to:

- Reduce the risk of getting sick with influenza
- Reduce the severity of disease if one does get sick (including the risk of hospitalization) due to influenza
- Prevent the spread of influenza to others

**During the COVID-19 pandemic, influenza vaccine will be especially critical to help:**

- **Reduce the overall impact of respiratory illness on the population**
- **Protect vulnerable populations from severe illness**
- **Decrease the overall burden on the healthcare system**

\*The deadline for receiving the flu vaccine for the 2020-2021 school year has been extended until **February 28th, 2021**.

Please contact your child's healthcare provider to schedule a vaccination appointment.

When your child has received their influenza vaccination, please provide the documentation to your school nurse.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

The Martha's Vineyard School Nurses

Nicole Barlett, [nbarlett@mvyps.org](mailto:nbarlett@mvyps.org)  
Janice Brown, [jbrown@mvpcs.org](mailto:jbrown@mvpcs.org)  
Kristine Cammorata, [kcammorata@mvyps.org](mailto:kcammorata@mvyps.org)  
Catherine Coogan, [ccoogan@mvyps.org](mailto:ccoogan@mvyps.org)  
Linda Leonard, [lleonard@mvyps.org](mailto:lleonard@mvyps.org)  
Lana Schaefer, [lschaefer@mvyps.org](mailto:lschaefer@mvyps.org)  
Pam Rendek [prendek@mvyps.org](mailto:prendek@mvyps.org)