Gateway School Based Health Center is offering Flu Vaccinations

**Huntington** — The Gateway School-Based Health Center and Gator Grins Dental Outreach Program are excited to be providing medical and dental services to the students and staff of Gateway Regional School District for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Gateway School Based Health Center (SBHC) is offering the flu vaccine to any interested student and/or staff. Hilltown Community Health Centers’ Brenda Jaeger, DNP will be administering these vaccinations as soon as they become available.

Forms will be sent home with your child in the next two weeks. You will have more opportunities for your child to receive their vaccine this year. In addition to using the SBHC site, vaccines will be offered at the Gateway High School/Middle School Open House and the Littleville Open House. We will also coordinate a day to travel to Chester Elementary School to administer them on site in Chester.

Please fill out the form that comes home and have your child return it to school only if you wish to have your child receive the flu vaccine.

Flu immunization is recommended for all age groups and nasal spray vaccine is once again not available or recommended by the CDC.

The Gateway School-Based Health Center offers a full range of health care to students and staff at school! It is available to be your child’s primary care provider; to give immunizations and physicals; treat earaches, sore throats, asthma, and playground mishaps; and to address most of your child’s health care needs. Gateway School Based Health Center staff work closely with the parents of each student. The School Based Health Center also has a Behavioral Health Specialist to address any behavioral health needs that may arise, and a Nutritionist is available on Wednesdays.

Gator Grins, the school-based dental program, provides comprehensive dental exams, x-rays, dental cleanings, fluoride varnishes, dental sealants, amalgam fillings, (silver fillings) composite fillings, (white fillings) and emergency dental care. All enrollment forms for the school based programs were sent home at the beginning of the school year with your child. If you did not receive an enrollment form for either of these programs, you may access them in the following ways: by calling (413) 667-0142, or 667-3009 Ext: 239, you may stop by the Gateway School Based Health Center; or access them online at www.hchcweb.org/sbhc. They are also available at both Hilltown Community Health center sites in Huntington and Worthington, and located on the Gateway Regional School District website under “quick links”.

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