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## Superintendent Encourages Pre-K Parents to Visit Free Flu Clinics Before January 1 Deadline

*Hundreds of Camden pre-K students miss school each January due to late flu shots*

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018** – Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ – Acting State Superintendent Katrina McCombs joined parents, school nurses, and Camden County Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez to encourage families to make sure their preschool students have received a flu shot before the New Year. Preschool students in the State of New Jersey who do not have up-to-date influenza vaccinations by the first day of school in 2019 will not be able to return to school after the holiday break.

Gathering at the Early Childhood Development Center, the District's Department of Early Childhood joined the Camden County Department of Health and Human Services for a free flu vaccination clinic for any 3 or 4 year old child living in the City of Camden. The clinic is one of dozens being held across the City and County this fall to ensure all families have easy access to free flu shots.

**What:** Camden schools urge parents to get preschoolers' flu shots before the new year  
**When:** 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 12, 2018  
**Where:** Early Childhood Development Center, 1625 Pine Street, Camden, NJ 08103

"Each year, hundreds of Camden's youngest learners miss out on critical instructional time in January because families have not been able to provide evidence of the child's flu vaccination," said Acting State Superintendent Katrina McCombs. "We are here to support parents in any way possible to ensure all pre-K students have received their flu shot and enter 2019 healthy and ready to learn. Our youngest learners cannot afford to miss even one day due to not having the right shots."

Today's clinic marks the culmination of a months-long effort to inform families about the vaccination requirements for pre-K students, and encourage attendance at one of the County's free flu clinics. For families of pre-K students who miss this morning's flu clinic at ECDC, Centerville Headstart is offering free flu vaccinations for 1-4 pm this afternoon at 1475 South 8th Street, Camden, NJ 08104.

Other District-sponsored flu clinics taking place in Camden this month include:

- Veterans Memorial Family School, Friday, December 14 from 8:30 – 11:30 am
- Acelero Grand, Thursday, December 20 from 8:30 am – 12 pm
- St. Joseph's Carpenter's Society, Friday, December 21 from 8:30 am – 12 pm

