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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that children 6 months through 24 years of age, in addition to other groups of people, be vaccinated against the new H1N1 ("swine flu") influenza virus as soon as vaccine becomes available. This new influenza virus is causing illness ranging from mild to severe and hospitalizations in both adults and children. Because children do not have immunity to this virus, they have been most affected by it and are considered at high risk of infection. As the U.S. begins its fall and winter flu season, the CDC is concerned that this virus may cause more illness, which might be severe in some cases. Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this potentially serious disease.

As vaccine is received, it will be made available from healthcare providers and other community sources including health department sponsored vaccination clinics.

The county health department is working with your child's school district to offer the new H1N1 influenza vaccine at special clinics to be held in a school in your area. We will host these clinics beginning this fall and your child's school will provide specific dates once vaccine is available. School officials will send you an informational packet through the school/parent communication systems. This packet will contain information about the disease, vaccine and clinic times and locations.

Children are expected to need two vaccinations spaced 4 to 6 weeks apart.

Your cooperation is vital and needed to support school influenza surveillance and response efforts. Most importantly, this includes **reporting if your child has flu-like symptoms and excluding your child from school and community activities when he or she is ill. The CDC recommends that people with influenza-like illness remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100° F [37.8°C]), or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.**

Reinforcing the need for frequent hand-washing and covering coughs and sneezes will help prevent the spread of influenza in your school.

Visit CDC's novel H1N1 influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents> for special information for parents.

Sincerely,

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