

October 9, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To reduce the spread of H1N1 flu, a vaccine will soon be available. The U.S. Centers for Disease control and Prevention (CDC) have identified students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 as one of the priority groups to receive this vaccine. ***Having your child immunized against the H1N1 virus is your choice.***

In order to offer the inoculation to school age children, Warren County Combined Health District (WCCHD) will be on-site to administer the vaccine to our students. We will contact you with the date and time of vaccination. We may be given as little as 24-hour notice before inoculation day, therefore we must be prepared in advance.

We ask that you take the following steps:

- **Complete, Sign, and Return the Student Consent Form. This form must be completed and returned by October 16, 2009.** You must complete a form for each of your children.
- *If you wish to accompany your child (after school hours) when they receive their vaccine, you must also complete the bottom of this form and return with the Student Consent Form.*
- **Return completed consent form to your child's building office by October 16, 2009.**
- Review the **2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Inactivated (shot)** information sheet. This document will answer many of your questions regarding the inactivated vaccine and also describes risk factors.
  - The document indicates that there is a separate statement describing the activated (live-Flu mist) vaccine. WCCHD has not provided this statement. Please visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for more information.
  - The document also indicates that a thimerosal-free (preservative) vaccine is available. At this time, we are told this vaccine will not be available at our school. It is not an option for your child.
- Review Warren County Combined Health Districts Health Notice of Privacy Practices.
- Review the Know the Facts sheet for any additional questions you may have.
- Be sure that your child wears a short-sleeved shirt on vaccination day if they are receiving the vaccine.
- Continue to follow public health advice regarding prevention measures such as hand washing and coughing/sneezing etiquette, monitoring your family members for H1N1 symptoms, staying home from work or school if symptoms are present-especially fever.

Please **contact your personal physician** or visit [www.co.warren.oh.us/health](http://www.co.warren.oh.us/health) for more information about H1N1 flu and the vaccine. If you have any questions about vaccination day, please contact your school nurse at \_\_\_\_\_.

Students will be observed for a period of time for adverse reactions before sending them back to class.  
***Nurses will not be able to administer vaccine to children that are ill, unruly or uncooperative.***

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If parents wish to accompany their child for the vaccine, the Public Health Department will be available after school on the day of vaccinations. Times will be determined based on the number of requests we receive. We will contact you with additional information.

**If you wish to schedule an after school time, please fill out this bottom section and return to school with your consent form.**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_