



Promoting and Protecting Public Health

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Dear Parent,

Starting November, 2009, the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD), in partnership with the Visiting Nurse's Association, will offer the H1N1 flu vaccine free of charge to all Douglas County school age children. The vaccine will also be available to family members of school-aged children who meet specific guidelines described below, in addition to children who attend preschool at any of the designated schools. The H1N1 flu vaccine is not mandatory, but available to those interested in receiving the vaccine.

If your child attends:

- Beveridge Middle School
Buffett Elementary & Middle School
Catlin Elementary School
Columbian Elementary School
Crestridge Elementary School
Edison Elementary School
Joslyn Elementary School
Oak Valley Elementary School

Please attend the immunization clinic being held Tuesday, November 10, from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm at:

Burke High School
12200 Burke Blvd.
Omaha, NE

Both inactivated vaccine (flu shot) and live, attenuated vaccine (nasal spray) may be offered at the clinic. Consent forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to receiving vaccine. Consent forms and vaccine information can be found at the Burke High School website: http://www.ops.org/high/burke or DCHD website: http://www.douglascountyhealth.com. You may also receive these forms from your child's school (either electronically or hardcopy).

Consent forms are not to be returned to school prior to the clinic but must accompany the parent the afternoon/evening of the clinic. In addition, forms will be available at the school-based immunization clinics. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Family members will be able to receive the vaccine free of charge if they are a pregnant woman, live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, are healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, are between the ages of 6 months and 24 years, or are ages 25-64 and have chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

If you are unable to attend your assigned school-based immunization clinic, please consider attending any other school immunization clinics being held in the community. A number of other community options will also be made available throughout the coming months. You may go to the DCHD website for more information on this: http://www.douglascountyhealth.com In addition announcements will be made by the newspapers, TV, and other media.

Thank-you for considering this important preventive health measure. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call the DCHD at (402) 444-3400.

Sincerely,

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Public Health Nursing
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Sanitation Control
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WIC
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Omaha, NE 68105

Immunizations
(402) 444-6163

Dental Services
(402) 444-7349

Laboratory Services
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STD Control
(402) 444-7750

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