



**Chippewa County
Department of Public Health**

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In January 2010, the Chippewa County Department of Public Health will again work in conjunction with your child's school to provide H1N1 immunizations. There is no charge for H1N1 vaccine. If your child has not yet received any doses of H1N1 vaccine, you can use this opportunity to get your child immunized.

If your child is under 10 years of age, a second (booster) dose of H1N1 vaccine is recommended to ensure that their immune system is ready to fight off H1N1 influenza. If your child needs a second (booster) dose of H1N1 vaccine, you can use this opportunity to get your child completely immunized against H1N1 influenza. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a minimum spacing period of 21-28 days between the first dose and the second dose of H1N1 vaccine. Our January 2010 clinics are being set up to allow for this spacing requirement from the date that we first came to your child's school.

You will be contacted by your child's school with the date that the Health Department will be coming to do the H1N1 immunizations in January.

If you want your child to receive their first or their *second* H1N1 vaccination at their school, do the following:

- 1) Please read both "What you need to know" forms included with this letter.**
- 2) Fill out the consent form completely and return it to school by January 8, 2010.**

If you do not want your child to receive a dose of H1N1 vaccine at their school in January, simply recycle these forms. You do not need to send in a form declining the immunization. Any previous written consent form you turned in to the school will not be used for January school clinics in order to assure that we have up to date information. Your child will not be vaccinated if this **new** consent form is not returned to the school.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this letter and for your patience and cooperation with this special H1N1 immunization program. The Health Department is able to provide H1N1 immunizations to your child at school because of the strong support we receive from parents and the school system.

Sincerely,

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