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✯ H1N1 Information ✯

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may have heard, a new influenza virus, called the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus, was first identified in the United States in late April 2009. The virus has caused illness ranging from mild to severe, including hospitalizations and deaths in adults and children. Many children have gotten 2009 H1N1 infection and there have been large outbreaks in some schools across the country. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has recommended that children and young adults aged 6 months through 24 years be vaccinated against 2009 H1N1 as soon as the vaccine is available.

Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this potentially serious disease. The Door County Public Health Department is working with your child's school to give the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine to children at school.

We will hold a vaccination clinic at Sevastopol Schools for all students on **Friday, November 6, 2009.** Please read and review the enclosed Vaccine Consent Form and Vaccine Information Statement.

If you want your child to receive the vaccine you need to:

1) Read and review the Vaccine Information Statement.
2) Complete and sign the Vaccine Consent Form for each student.
3) Return the **Signed Vaccine Consent Form** to school **by Monday, November 2, 2009.**

The H1N1 vaccine that we will use will be the nasal mist or the injectable, depending on the supply. With the nasal mist, a fine spray is administered into each nostril. This vaccine can only be given to healthy children who do not have a history of asthma or wheezing, or other chronic medical conditions. Children under 10 years of age will need two doses of vaccine spaced 4 weeks apart. There will be no cost to you for this vaccine.

If vaccine supply is not available for this clinic, the clinic will be rescheduled for a later date and families will be notified.

If you have questions, please contact Beth Krohn, Public Health Nurse, at 920-746-2234.

For more information on the H1N1 virus, check the Wisconsin pandemic website at http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov/ or call 2-1-1, an information service for Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

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