



Local Health Department To Provide Free H1N1 Vaccinations For Salem Students

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The City of Salem Schools and the local health department are working to establish procedures to provide free, voluntary H1N1 vaccination clinics for students at school. It is anticipated that health department staff will begin administering the H1N1 vaccines in our schools within the next 1-2 weeks. At this time, the health department has not provided us with a specific vaccination schedule. We will provide you with more details regarding the vaccination schedule using our automated phone notification system when we receive this information.

To assist in this process, we are requesting that you complete and sign the enclosed consent form if you want your child to receive the H1N1 vaccination at school. It is important that **all parts** of the form be completed and that you return it immediately to your child's teacher. We have also provided you with information describing the type of vaccines that may be administered. If you have any questions about this information, please contact your child's physician or the Flu Hotline at 1-877-275-8343.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to have your child immunized. However, if you do NOT want your child to receive the H1N1 vaccine at school, please indicate your preference at the bottom of this page and return to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions regarding the City of Salem Schools' local H1N1 procedures, please review the *H1N1 Information Center* link on our website or contact me.

Sincerely,

Darryl D. Helems, Ph.D.
Director of Student Services
City of Salem Schools

I want my child to receive the H1N1 Vaccine and have completed the consent form.

I have reviewed the information provided and I do NOT want my child vaccinated.

_____ (Student's Full Name)

Child's Date of Birth

Parent Signature

Date