

October 26, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are writing to share with you details of a joint effort between the Oldham County Schools and the Oldham County Health Department. Our purpose is to outline a significant aspect of our community's H1N1 vaccination plan. The plan proposed below is based strictly on sufficient availability of H1N1 vaccine allocated to the state of Kentucky by the federal government.

GENERAL H1N1 INFORMATION:

- **The H1N1 vaccine is free at the sites listed below.**
- Information on the H1N1 vaccine can be found at www.oldhamcohd.com in both English and Spanish or at www.healthalerts.ky.gov
- The toll-free H1N1 hotline is 1 (877) 843.7727. This hotline is answered daily from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.

VACCINATION SITES:

The Oldham County Health Department, located at 1786 Commerce Parkway in LaGrange, will be offering H1N1 vaccinations by appointment only on Thursday, October 29, 2009. ONLY the target groups below may schedule (222-3516) an appointment:

- Pregnant women
- Children aged 6 months – 4 years
- Children and adolescents aged 5 – 18 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications. Medical conditions considered high risk in this age group are children and adolescents with kidney, liver, heart or lung disease (chronic asthma), cognitive, neurological/neuromuscular disorders such as cerebral palsy, anemia or other blood disorders, metabolic disorders such as Type 1 Diabetes, and immunosuppression caused by medications or HIV.
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel who have direct contact with patients or infectious material (no appointment needed with workplace identification badge).

A Walk-In H1N1 Vaccination Clinic will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009, starting at 9:00 am. The length of the Saturday session is dependent on H1N1 vaccine supply. The location of the clinic is LaGrange Baptist Church at 1139 Commerce Parkway in LaGrange. The Walk-In H1N1 Vaccination Clinic is only for the target groups below:

- Pregnant women
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants aged less than 6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare provider)
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- Children and young adults aged 6 months – 24 years
- Person aged 25 – 64 years who have medical condition that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications: Kidney, liver, heart or lung disease, cognitive, neurological/neuromuscular disorders (cerebral palsy), anemia or other blood disorders, metabolic disorders such as Type 1 Diabetes and immunosuppression caused by medications or HIV.

Oldham County Schools will host vaccination clinics during schools hours for middle and high school students on the dates listed below. A parental consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian is mandatory in order for a student to receive a vaccination. Middle and high school students will be offered the H1N1 injectable vaccine only.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS – Proof of Immunization card will be issued to student.

- Tuesday, Dec. 1, EOMS (Consent due by Nov. 25 for all MS/HS)
- Wednesday, Dec. 2, SOMS/SOHS
- Thursday, Dec. 3, OCMS/OCHS/BAHS
- Tuesday, Dec. 8, NOMS/NOHS

ELEMENTARY and PRESCHOOL - Parent/legal guardian MUST be present.

(Children 9 years and younger will require two doses separated by four weeks).

Proof of Immunization card will be issued or required for admin of 2nd H1N1 dose (if applicable)

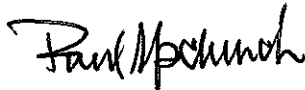
- Monday, Dec 14th - Locust Grove/CE at LoGrove: 4:00-6:30 w/Parent Present
- Tuesday, Dec 15th – KEN, CR, CA at Kenwood: 4:00-6:30 w/Parent Present
- Wednesday, Dec 16th – BES, OCPS, LaG at BES: 4:00-6:30 w/Parent Present
- Thursday, Dec 17th – HAR, GO, LIB at HAR: 4:00-6:30 w/Parent Present

Private physicians who are H1N1 vaccine providers will be offering H1N1 vaccine as it becomes available. Call your physician regarding availability of vaccine. Physicians may charge an administrative fee and bill a third party medical provider.

Local Pharmacies who have requested to be an H1N1 provider will receive vaccine as it becomes readily available.

Oldham County Health Department will continue to schedule additional vaccination dates in the clinic setting and other community venues.

Sincerely,



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