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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Camden County Health Department will be hosting 3 vaccination clinics for school-aged children to receive their 1st or 2nd H1N1 vaccine. Children 9 years and younger need 2 H1N1 doses (spaced at least 21 days apart). Children 10 years of age and older only need 1 dose.

This vaccine is VOLUNTARY (not a school requirement) **and FREE** of charge. The H1N1 (swine) Influenza Injectable Vaccine will be available. Your child can still get the injectable vaccine, even if the 1st dose was the nasal mist. If your child needs a 2nd dose, please bring the form/card as to when the 1st dose was administered.

You do not need to pre-register for this clinic; these will be walk-in clinics. You can go to any one of the clinics; you do not need to live in that town or school district. The H1N1 Vaccine Consent Form will be completed at the clinic you attend. *Children must be accompanied by a parent for the vaccine to be administered.*

All the H1N1 clinics will be from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., details as follows:

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 Ann Mullen Middle School 1400 Sicklerville Road Sicklerville, NJ 08081 Thursday, February 11, 2010 Avon Elementary School 862 Mercer Dr Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 Camden County One Stop 2600 Mt. Ephraim Ave., Suite 105 Camden, NJ 08104

According to the County Health Officer, Robert Smith: "Although H1N1 has been relatively mild, we do not know what may occur over the next few months. H1N1 is extremely unpredictable and may become more virulent causing increased disease and serious complications at any point in time. The most effective tool to prevent H1N1 flu is still vaccination."

If you have any questions on H1N1 go to www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu for more information. Additionally, your child's health care provider can answer your questions about the H1N1 virus and vaccine.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Ward, Ed. D

Superintendent