

October 29, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As per recent updated information received from our Township Board of Health department, the latest tentative arrangements for the offering of H1N1 influenza vaccine are as follows:

The Middletown Township Board of Health in conjunction with the Middletown Township Schools will be offering the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine to all Middletown children at specific school locations rather than at each of our seventeen schools. Possible vaccination sites are HS North and HS South. Vaccinations will be administered after school hours and possibly weekends.

Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this potentially serious disease. In district vaccination clinics will begin sometime after November 9<sup>th</sup>. Your child's school will let you know the specific times and dates once the vaccine is on hand. Additional Monmouth County vaccination clinics will be held at various Monmouth County locations and open to all Monmouth County residents.

**Information and updates will continue to be provided on the Middletown Public Schools Website. Additional updates are available at: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/flu/h1n1.shtml>**

Children under ten (10) are expected to need two doses of vaccine spaced about 3 weeks apart. There will be no cost to you for this vaccine. Vaccinating children can help meet the demand for convenient, timely vaccination while decreasing the burden on local health care providers who may be busy treating those infected with 2009 H1N1 and/or seasonal influenza.

We have included with this letter the following documents: (1) the 2009 H1N1 "What You Need to Know" Vaccine Information Statements which contain information on the 2009 H1N1 vaccine, both the injectable (shot) and the nasal spray version, (2) the parental consent form which will need to be reviewed, signed by a parent or guardian and brought with your children to the vaccination site. Additional consent forms will also be available at the vaccination sites.

Please read the "What You Need to Know" forms, complete all sections on the consent form and include your preference for the type of vaccine you would like your child to receive if you choose to accept this vaccination for your child. The consent form must be signed and dated to officially accept vaccination for your child and brought with your child to the vaccination site.

Please visit the following websites for additional information:

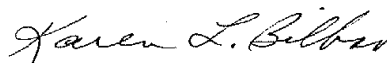
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents/>

<http://www.flu.gov/>

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/flu/h1n1.shtml>

Your school nurse is also available to answer any further questions about the vaccine or the vaccination clinics. In addition, your child's health care provider can answer your questions about the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus as well as administer the 2009 H1N1 vaccine and/or the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Sincerely,



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