

November 30, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, a limited supply of H1N1 (swine) influenza vaccine has arrived in Oregon. Within the next several weeks, more supplies are expected and therefore we are in the process of preparing to host a vaccination clinic for our students.

According to the current news reports, the many precautions that people have taken have helped minimize the spread of this virus. **Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this potentially serious disease.** The CDC has recommended that children and young adults aged 6 months through 24 years be vaccinated against H1N1. We are working closely with the Clackamas County Health Department to give the H1N1 vaccine to our students by holding a clinic here at La Salle.

**IF YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR CHILD VACCINATED AGAINST H1N1 AT LA SALLE, YOU MUST FILL OUT THE CONSENT FORM AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL BY THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.**

We have attached several documents to this email for your review. If you have trouble opening any of the attachments, they are all posted on the La Salle website. You may go to [www.lshigh.org](http://www.lshigh.org) and click on the Parents tab at the top of the page. After you click Parents then click on Health Information on the drop down menu. All documents are currently available through our website.

### H1N1 Vaccination Clinic information:

1. You will not be required to have your child vaccinated. This is voluntary.
2. There will be no cost to you for this vaccine.
3. The school vaccine clinic will be scheduled during the school day. This clinic is done without parents accompanying their children. You may want to have your child vaccinated at a clinic outside of this school clinic. For those clinics, please contact your child's healthcare provider or you may contact Clackamas County Public Health.

**4. If you would like your child to receive the H1N1 vaccination at school, please send the completed consent form in to the main office by this **Friday, December 4.****

If you have sent in your forms to the school, but change your mind and do not want your child to receive the vaccine, please contact the main office at 503-659-4155.

5. As soon as we know the specific date of the school vaccination clinic, we will let you know. **We expect to hold the clinic in January, 2010.**
6. In the event we are not allocated sufficient vaccine for our entire school population, the vaccines will be distributed by return date of forms.
7. We will need parent volunteers for the vaccine clinics. If you can be available, please contact the school office.

**Will my child be able to receive the vaccine, and if so, will my child get the flu shot or the nasal spray?**

**Your child will NOT be able to receive the vaccine** if he or she:

- Is severely allergic to eggs or has had an allergic reaction or other serious reaction to other vaccines
- Has a fever or moderate/severe illness at the time of the clinic
- Has ever been diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome (a type of temporary severe muscle weakness)

**Your child will receive the FLU SHOT** (in upper arm) if he or she:

- Has had a flu nasal spray, MMR, or Varicella vaccine within the past 28 days
- Has a weakened immune system
- Has a long-term health problem such as asthma, diabetes; or disease of the heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, nerves, or blood
- Is pregnant
- Is on aspirin therapy

**Your child will receive the FLU NASAL SPRAY** if he or she:

- Is healthy and between 2 and 49 years of age without the health conditions listed under the other 2 categories

Included in this packet are:

1. **Cover letter.**
2. **Consent form labeled “Non-Scannable Influenza Vaccination Screening Form” in both English and in Spanish.** *Please make sure that the phone number listed on the form is the number where you can be reached during the day.* If the person administering the vaccine to your child has a question about your form and cannot reach you by phone, your child will not be able to receive the vaccine. *Please make sure to sign and date the bottom of the form.*
3. **2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine live, attenuated (NASAL SPRAY vaccine) information form.**
4. **2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine inactivated (FLU SHOT) information form.**

For H1N1 questions please contact::

1. CDC H1N1 influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> and also <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents> for information especially for parents.
2. Clackamas County Public Health:  
**H1N1 Information Hotline at 503-722-2777**  
Website: <http://www.clackamas.us/swineflu/>
3. Your child's health care provider.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccination clinic at La Salle, please call Katie Allen at 503-353-1426.

Thank you.

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