

# East Brunswick Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

The East Brunswick Public School District continues to take a proactive stance to keep our school community healthy. We are working closely with the Middlesex County Health Department and the East Brunswick Office of Emergency Management to offer the H1N1 vaccine to our students. Children are a priority group to receive the vaccination when it becomes available. This vaccine is not mandated and will be offered on a voluntary basis free of charge. The district school nurses in conjunction with the health department nurses will administer the vaccine to students in each school during the school day.

There are two types of vaccines. The first is the H1N1 Nasal Spray. This will be offered to elementary students. The second vaccine is the injection typically called, the "flu shot." This will be available to both elementary and secondary students. The scheduling for each school will depend on the availability of the vaccines. There will be a Saturday date for students who are absent or for parents who want to be present when their child receives the vaccine. If this is not convenient, there will be other sites to receive the H1N1 vaccine including physician's offices, clinics, etc.

It will be important to have completed consent forms prior to the actual administration of the vaccine. The consent form for either vaccine must be filled out completely and returned to your child's school. The consent form for the Nasal Spray is for elementary students only. The consent form for the injectable vaccine is for students in grades PreK-12. Consent forms and information about each vaccine will be available in the main office and health office in each school. All forms are also on the district webpage.

**Consent forms are due by Friday, October 23, 2009.**

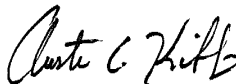
Only children who return a completed form and do not have any of the contraindications for the vaccine will be scheduled. If the school nurse finds your child is not able to receive the vaccine you will be notified. Parents will be notified through Global Connect of the dates the vaccines will be administered in the schools.

The East Brunswick Public Schools is committed to continue to provide a high quality of health services to the students in the district. If you have any questions regarding whether your child should have the vaccine please contact your physician.

Yours truly,



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