



Sweet Home Central School District of Amherst and Tonawanda

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Sweet Home Central School District sent you a letter last week regarding H1N1 Influenza **vaccinations** and requested that you return a parental consent form if you desired to have your child vaccinated at school. At the time we sent the letter, there was no official date scheduled for the vaccine clinic. We have since been informed by the Erie County Department of Health that the vaccine clinic will be scheduled for **Wednesday, December 16, 2009**.

The vaccine clinic will be held in the High School Gymnasium. We will transport students by school bus from each of our other schools to the High School in order to be vaccinated.

The Erie County Department of Health based the number of vaccine doses on the number of parental consent forms we received after our first mailing. **If you returned the parental consent form**, we ask that you verify the intent to have your child vaccinated using the tear off section at the bottom of this letter and returning it to your child's school.

If you have not yet returned the parental consent form, but you would like your child vaccinated on Wednesday, December 16th, please return the two-sided parent consent form previously mailed to you, along with the tear off section at the bottom of this letter to your child's school prior to December 15, 2009. **No child can be vaccinated without a signed parent consent form**. The consent form can be downloaded from our website on www.sweethomeschools.com.

The type of vaccine your child will be offered (i.e., intranasal or injectable) will be determined by medical professionals during the clinic based upon review of your child's consent/screening form and upon the type of vaccine available. By signing the form, you consent to have your child vaccinated with either the H1N1 "flu shot" or the "nasal spray vaccine."

We begin vaccinating at 8:00 am, starting with students at the High School. Our plan is to transport elementary level students to the vaccine clinic from approximately 9:00 am – 1:30 pm and Middle School students from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm. We anticipate having enough vaccine to immunize all students, however it is dependent upon the number of new vaccination requests we receive. If we run out of vaccine, we will attempt to schedule an additional clinic as soon as we can secure more. Your child will be given written verification of their vaccine to take home. Please check our website for an updated schedule of times that each school will receive vaccinations.

If you desire to be with your child at the time of the vaccination, please indicate that in the tear off section at the bottom of this letter. We will call you with the approximate time the bus from your child's school is scheduled to arrive at the vaccination clinic.

Please contact your child's school nurse if you have questions regarding the vaccination clinic,

Sincerely,

Geoffrey M. Hicks
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H1N1 Vaccine Clinic Verification – Sweet Home Central School District

- I've returned my parental consent form and I wish to have my child vaccinated on December 16, 2009
- I've returned my parental consent form, but there was a change in my child's status. I **do not** want the vaccination.
- My parental consent form is attached to this verification. I wish to have my child vaccinated on December 16, 2009
- I wish to be with my child or children at the time of vaccination. The best phone number to reach me at is _____.

Student Name(s) _____ School _____

Parent Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____