

Kettering City School District

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Dr. James Schoenlein, Superintendent

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Dear Parents:

The Kettering City School District, working in conjunction with the Montgomery County Combined Health District, is pleased to offer our students the vaccine for the H1N1 Flu virus (formerly known as the "swine flu.")

The H1N1 Flu vaccine will be offered, free-of-charge to all of our students in preschool through the 12th grade and will be administered by registered nurses. The vaccine will be administered only to those students for whom the school has a signed permission form from the parent or guardian. The permission form is included in this packet of information. **All signed permission forms should be returned no later than October 15th** to your child's teacher in the preschool/elementary grades and to your child's homeroom or advisory teacher in the middle and high school grades.

If you choose not to have your child vaccinated during his/her school-based clinic, or you prefer to use your own family physician for the administration of the vaccine, you do not need to return the permission form. **Only those students for whom the school nurse has a permission form in-hand and signed by the parent or guardian will be vaccinated.**

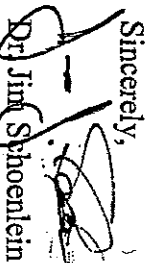
Please note that the vaccine that will be administered by nurses to our students is for the H1N1 Flu virus only. You should consult with your family physician regarding recommendations for getting the Seasonal Flu vaccine.

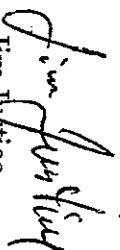
The Centers for Disease Control has determined that children nine years of age and younger should receive two inoculations for maximum protection against the H1N1 Flu. The date for the first dose of the H1N1 Flu vaccine is noted below. A letter with information regarding the date when students will receive the second dose of the vaccine will be mailed to preschool through third-grade students once the first round of inoculations has been completed. It is our goal to complete all vaccinations prior to the start of the district's Winter Break.

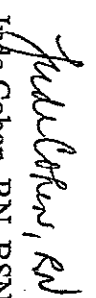
The H1N1 Flu vaccine can be administered via nasal mist or a shot. We will not know until the day of each clinic which form of the vaccine our nurses will be administering. For this reason, please have your child wear a short-sleeved loose-fitting shirt the day of his/her vaccine clinic to make it easier to administer the vaccine.

If you have any questions regarding the administration of the H1N1 Flu vaccine in the Kettering Schools, please contact The Pathfinders Preschool Office. The Centers for Disease Control also has comprehensive information regarding the H1N1 Flu, as well as flu prevention measures on its website at www.cdc.gov.

Sincerely,


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