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To: Administrators of Parochial Elementary & Middle School Students

From: Brown County Health Department

RE: **2009 H1N1 Influenza (Flu) School-Based Immunization Clinics**

The Brown County Health Department has developed a plan to offer the H1N1 vaccination to all school-age children in Brown County.

School-age children are at high risk for getting the H1N1 flu and transmitting it. They are also at high risk for complications from the H1N1 influenza. Therefore, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) is encouraging local health departments to conduct school-based clinics as a means to immunize as many students as possible.

The Brown County Health Department will conduct school-based immunization clinic after school hours. Locations of these clinics are still being identified. Clinics will most likely be held at the public middle school or high school nearest to your school.

Parents are welcome to bring their child(ren) to these clinics for the H1N1 vaccination. They may also bring any of their other children (ages 6 months to 18 years) to this clinic if they will not be receiving the vaccine at one of our middle school or high school-based clinics or their doctor.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There is no charge for the vaccine.

More information is yet to come, however if you have questions or concerns regarding the H1N1 vaccination, feel free to contact the Kris Kovacic at 448-6408, or visit our website for more information at:

<http://www.co.brown.wi.us/health>

Do You or Your Child Have H1N1?

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The H1N1 virus has hit our community and we are seeing an increase in student absences. How do you know if your child or you has the flu? You or your child may have the flu if you have some or all of the following symptoms:

- Fever (almost everyone will have a fever)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Headache/body aches
- Chills
- Fatigue

If you or your child has flu-like symptoms, please stay home and avoid contact with other people. Some people are more likely to get flu complications and should talk to a health care provider if they get symptoms:

- Children younger than 5
- Especially children younger than 2-years-old
- People 65 and older
- Pregnant women
- People who have: cancer, blood disorders, chronic lung disease (including asthma), diabetes, heart disease, kidney disorders, liver disorders, seizure disorders, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, or weakened immune systems.

If you see any of these **EMERGENCY WARNING SIGNS**, please get medical care:

In children:

Fast breathing or trouble breathing

Bluish skin color

Not drinking enough fluids

Not waking up or interacting

Fever with a rash

So irritable, refuses to be held

Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

In adults:

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath

Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen

Sudden dizziness

Confusion

Severe or persistent vomiting

Call ahead and seek medical care if your child has a fever and difficulty breathing. If you or your child does have flu-like symptoms, please stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

More information about the H1N1 flu is available at www.flu.gov or www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation. Together we can minimize the effects of this flu and keep everyone healthy.



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