



COUNTRYSIDE PUBLIC HEALTH

November 24, 2009

Dear Parents:

Countryside Public Health is preparing for a second H1N1 flu vaccination school clinic in mid December. **Pre-registration is due by Monday, December 7th by noon at the Countryside Public Health office. All students that wish to be vaccinated need to pre-register now if you have not already done so. The vaccinations will be provided during the school day or after school.**

The pre-registration form is included with this letter, or you may access it on the school web site or at <https://www.countrysidepublichealth.org/h1n1registration.php>.

For people who cannot register online, completed forms may be faxed to Countryside Public Health at 320-843-4094, returned to the school or your local Countryside Public Health office, or you may register your child by phone at 1-800-657-3291.

Parents will receive confirmation of your child's registration that gives the date of the school clinic and exact details. Please look for this letter in your mail. **Those who pre-register on line will also receive a consent form by mail to be signed by the parent and returned to school prior to the clinic date.**

Pre registrations are due by Monday, December 7, 2009

Other things you should know:

- If your child has a chronic illness (asthma, diabetes, heart disease, etc) they will need the injectable form of the vaccine. Children with chronic illness will not receive the nasal form of vaccine (FluMist).
- If your child has had *influenza like illness* in the past 6 months, it is recommended that they should *still* receive the vaccine. The test performed in the clinics only point toward the *likelihood that you may* have had H1N1 not a confirmed diagnosis. Tests that actually confirmed H1N1 virus were only done for those hospitalized.
- Countryside will forward the information that your child received the H1N1 vaccine to your clinic, if you check the appropriate box on the form.
- Children under the age of 10 will need two doses of vaccine at least 28 days apart.
- If your child received FluMist for seasonal flu, there must be 28 days before he can receive the H1N1 FluMist.
- Parental preference cannot be used to determine the method of vaccination. This will be determined by the supply of vaccine available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 1-800-657-3291