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County Executive

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that people between the ages of 6 months and 24 years should be among the first to get the H1N1 vaccine. In addition, if you are between the ages of 24 and 64 and have a chronic health condition such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease (excluding hypertension) or suffer from an immune disorder, you are also in the priority population.

The Wayne County Department of Public Health will be giving **free** H1N1 flu vaccinations (shots) through several mass H1N1 flu clinics. The locations, dates and times of these mass flu clinics are attached. We recommend that you find a location convenient for you and have all family members who are in the priority group vaccinated. Also, the H1N1 vaccination will be provided at several of the Health Department's clinic locations. Attached you will find a flyer with clinic locations and times. You may also visit our website at www.waynecounty.com for additional information.

A parent or guardian must be present with anyone under the age of 18 in order for them to receive the flu vaccination. We ask that you wear either a short sleeve shirt or a sleeve that can be rolled up to the shoulder area. **All family members who are between the ages of 6 months and 24 years, are a close contact or take care of children under 6 months of age, are health care or emergency personnel, or are pregnant can be vaccinated free of charge.** The mass vaccination clinics are walk-in clinics so no appointment is necessary.

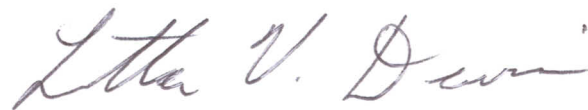
The H1N1 vaccine comes as nasal spray and an injection form. The vaccine is expected to be safe based on information available from the CDC. Children nine years of age or younger will need two doses of the vaccine four weeks (28 days) apart. Everyone else will require one dose. Sufficient vaccine is expected to be available.

A vaccine information sheet has been included which may assist with questions you may have regarding the vaccine. For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents.

For questions related to the H1N1 flu, you may also contact Wayne County Department of Public Health Disease Control Section at 734-727-7078.

Sincerely,


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