

Broome County Health Department

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ATTENTION

The information in this packet is specific for: **Johnson City Elementary Schools.**
If your child attends JC Middle or High School or a different district do not utilize this material.

Dear Johnson City Elementary School Parent/Guardian:

Your school district will be hosting an H1N1 vaccination clinic. The clinic is part of the Broome County Health Department's county-wide H1N1 vaccination campaign that will begin this fall. The campaign is expected to run through the end of January. The goal of the campaign is to protect your children against the 2009 Pandemic Influenza and reduce the burden of illness on the school community.

Your school district has elected for the Health Department to conduct these clinics **after the school day**. Unfortunately, due to the limited amount of vaccine available and unpredictable delivery times we are **unable** to provide a precise date/time for this clinic at this time.

We have enclosed a polling form in this packet that we ask that you complete and return to the school as soon as possible. This is not a consent form and you will not be held to your selection. Your completion of this form will help us plan for the evening clinic that will be conducted in your district in the near future.

As soon as we are able to confirm the date and location for your school district's clinic we will make that information available as quickly, widely, and with as much advanced notice as possible (e.g. notification to school district, posting on our website, and through the media).

Consent forms and specific information about the vaccine will be available to you at the clinic. Advanced copies can be reviewed online by going to our website (address below). We expect that we will be able to offer both the NASAL SPRAY and INJECTABLE (shot) form of the vaccine during this clinic.

Information Highlights

- The vaccine that will be administered is to protect your child against 2009 Novel H1N1 Pandemic Influenza. Your child should still receive a seasonal flu shot.
- The vaccine has been licensed by the Food and Drug Administration, does **not** contain adjuvant (an immune system booster), and has undergone clinical trials.
- Individuals ages 10 and older will only require **one** dose of the vaccine.
- Children age 9 and younger will require **two** doses of the vaccine spaced approximately 4 weeks apart. We will return to your child's school in that approximate timeframe to provide the second dose.

What to Expect During an Evening Clinic

- Every effort will be made to move students through the clinic quickly but safely.
- Lines (estimated 30-60 minutes) and a waiting period are expected, just as they occur in a doctor's office.
- School districts are making arrangements for seating to make the wait time more comfortable.
- You may want to bring your child's homework, a book, or game so that their time spent at the clinic is not idle.

Where to Get Additional Information

- On the Web: <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/flu>
- By E-mail: FLU@co.broome.ny.us
- By Phone: 607-778-3331

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CHILD'S NAME:

SCHOOL BUILDING:

I am planning to bring my child to an evening clinic held in my school district.

Yes No

This is for planning purposes ONLY. Checking the "No" box will not exclude you from attending an evening clinic.

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