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– Important information about H1N1 flu vaccination clinics –

Dear parent or guardian:

As you know, our school's H1N1 flu vaccination clinic has not yet taken place. We understand that you may have changed your mind about how your child will be vaccinated.

We want to make sure that every child who is vaccinated gets the right number of doses, and at the right times. (Children age 9 and under must get two H1N1 flu shots, with about a month between the first and second vaccination. Children older than 9 need only one shot.)

To help us plan for the school clinic and make sure children are vaccinated correctly, we ask you to do the following:

- 1. If you have already signed a consent form for your child, but he/she has since been vaccinated,** please write a note to the school nurse letting us know when your child was vaccinated. In the note, write your child's name and date of birth, your signature and the date.
- 2. If you have already signed a consent form for your child, but now choose not to allow your child to be vaccinated,** please write a note to the school nurse that you have decided against vaccination in the school clinic. In the note, write your child's name and date of birth, your signature, and the date.
- 3. If you have NOT already signed a consent form for your child, you can still do so.** Child vaccination consent forms are available at http://healthvermont.gov/panflu/school_clinics.aspx#forms or you can ask the school for a blank copy of the form. If you are sending a consent form now, your child's name will be put on a waiting list. Your child will be vaccinated on clinic day if there is enough vaccine available at that time. The school nurse will contact parents of children on the waiting list to let them know if your child was able to be vaccinated on that day. If we are unable to offer vaccine on that day, you will be referred to your doctor's office or a public clinic.

Please remember to keep your child home from school if he or she is sick.

If your child has to miss our school's vaccine clinic day, you will still be able to go to a public clinic or go to your doctor's office.

And if your child has already had a flu-like illness, we still recommend vaccination.

Most people won't be tested for H1N1 flu virus, so you won't know for sure if the illness was H1N1. Also, there is no problem getting vaccinated even if you've already had H1N1 flu.