

# Important Information about H1N1 (Swine) Flu

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

H1N1 (swine) flu has continued to cause illness across the country. Since the outbreak was first detected, it has been found to affect younger people more than older people.

A new vaccine is in production that is separate from regular seasonal flu vaccine. Students and staff of schools K-12<sup>th</sup> grade have been identified to receive vaccine as soon as it becomes available and it is found to be safe and effective.

Teton County Public Health is working with your child's school to give students H1N1 flu vaccine FREE right at school, during school hours. Vaccination will be voluntary. Parents will not be required to be present.

Assuming we are able to offer the vaccine at school, more information and a consent form will be sent to you. We anticipate the vaccine will require two doses, 30 days apart. We will provide the second dose at school during school hours. Again, the vaccination will be FREE!

Together let's keep our children and our schools healthy!

## Important ways to prevent the spread of flu in school:

- Everyone should wash hands frequently with soap and water, and cover noses and mouths when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home from school and practices/activities when sick. Stay home for at least 24 hours after fever is gone, without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- Schools may check students and staff for fever and other symptoms of flu and send those who are ill home as soon as possible.
- School and health officials will work closely to determine if school closings are in the best interest of our students, schools and our community.

Additional information will be sent home for parents when the new vaccine has been thoroughly tested and approved for use.

For more information about H1N1 flu, visit the Centers for Disease Control Website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1FLU/>



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