



# COUNTY OF ANOKA

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that children be vaccinated against the new H1N1 influenza virus (often referred to as swine flu).

The Anoka County Community Health Department will be holding an H1N1 vaccination clinic. Please note the following:

**DATE and TIME:** Wednesday, November 18, 2009, from 2:30-8:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Schwan Center, National Sports Center, 1700 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Blaine

**WHO CAN BE VACCINATED:**

- Healthy children ages 5 through 9 (up to their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday) will receive nasal spray (FluMist)
- Children with chronic health conditions (such as asthma and diabetes) ages 4 through 18 years

**We encourage you to check with your medical provider about having your child vaccinated.**

**IMPORTANT POINTS:**

- We are not taking appointments for these clinics. Parents should plan on having some wait time.
- You will not be charged for the vaccine. However, if you have health insurance, **it is important to bring your health insurance card** or information with you to the clinic so your insurance plan can be billed for the cost of administering the vaccine.
- If you or your child does not have health insurance, we will pay for the administration cost.
- **There is a limited supply of H1N1 vaccine!** When more vaccine becomes available, other clinics will be held.
- Parents and guardians must sign a consent form at the clinic.
- Children who have been ill with influenza-like illness should still receive the H1N1 vaccination to be protected, in case they had a different form of influenza.
- Vaccine **cannot** be given to children who are ill, have a fever, are on antiviral medication, or have a known allergy to eggs.

The CDC's guidelines call for children age 9 and younger to receive two doses of H1N1 vaccine spaced about four weeks apart. Please remember that even though vaccinations are highly recommended, they are **voluntary**, not mandatory. You will receive a reminder card about the second vaccination at the clinic.

The Anoka County website at <http://www.ReadyAnokaCounty.us> has more information on H1N1 influenza and links to other current and reliable resources, such as the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and CDC. People can also call the Anoka County Immunization Hotline at **763-323-6100**.

Regards,

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