



Dear Daycare Directors, Schools and Parents:

We know you are well aware that a vaccine for H1N1 influenza has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and has been released throughout the United States and locally. Health departments have developed plans to provide this vaccination to those individuals who are recommended to receive it, which includes daycare and school-age children as one of the higher priority groups. Although there will be several mechanisms put in place to offer the vaccine, we are requesting your help to ensure that as many daycare and school age children as possible are vaccinated. The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) would like to extend an invitation for you and your child to get **vaccinated free of charge** for seasonal and H1N1 influenza this year, this is dependent upon if you fall into one of the target groups listed below.

- people who live with or provide care for infants younger than 6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and day care providers), and
- people 6 months through 24 years of age.

The CDPH have scheduled seasonal and H1N1 flu clinics this year specifically for daycare, school age children and parent/caregivers meeting the criteria, these clinics are scheduled as follows (*while supplies last*):

10/20/2009	10:00am-7:00pm	Gunning Recreation Center	16700 Puritas Ave.	(216) 267-9945
10/22/2009	10:00am-7:00pm	Zelma George Recreation Center	3165 MLK Blvd.	(216) 420-8800

The CDPH would like to maximize the options for vaccinations while making this as convenient and efficient as possible for parents and students. We also will offer **free giveaway items for the first 25 citizens** that walk in. For further questions please contact us at (216) 664-4621 or on the web at www.clevelandhealth.org. Thank you for contributing to keeping the community safe.

Sincerely,

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