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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Schenectady County Public Health Services is pleased to work with your school district to offer the H1N1 flu vaccine to **school aged children within the school district**. We will be at **Pinewood Elementary School on Saturday, December 12, 2009** to administer the vaccine **by appointment only**. **The vaccine and service are both free.**

It is recommended that your child receive the vaccine even if you think that your child has had the flu.

Please read the information included with this letter. The packet includes the **2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Information Statement** for injectable vaccine, the **2009 H1N1 Live, Attenuated Influenza Vaccine Information Statement** (the nasal spray vaccine) and the **SCPHS H1N1 Flu 2009 Consent Form**.

1. Please read the **2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Information Statements**.
2. Fill in the Patient Information and the Emergency Contact and answer questions 1- 14 on the **SCPHS H1N1 Flu 2009 Consent Form**. **All questions need to be answered.**
3. Please print your name, sign your name and date the bottom of the **Consent Form**.
4. Fill out a separate form for each child.
5. Bring the completed **SCPHS H1N1 Flu 2009 Consent Form(s)** with you when you come for your child's/children's appointment

Your child will receive either the injectable or the nasal spray vaccine dependent on the results of the medical screening and vaccine availability.

You may call to make an appointment starting on Dec. 7, 2009 or make an appointment through the Schenectady County website at www.schenectadycounty.com.

. If your child's last name starts between the letters:

A through M - please call 631-0840 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday

N through Z - please call 631-0840 from 12:30 pm to 4: 30 pm, Monday through Friday

Because this clinic is limited to school age children, if you have a child between 6 months and school age it is recommended that you check for vaccine availability with your child's primary care provider or call **SCPHS** to schedule an appointment at one of our on site clinics.

If there is inclement weather the day of the clinic, please check your local radio and TV stations for a change in schedule.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to protect your child from this illness. If your child is less than 10 years of age and has had the 1st dose of H1N1 vaccine at least 28 days prior to the clinic, an appointment for the booster dose may be made for this clinic.

Sincerely,

David S. Pratt, MD, MPH

Commissioner of Public Health Services