



# COUNTY OF BUCKS

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DAVID C. DAMSKER, M.D., M.P.H.

November 6, 2009

Dear Parent,

The Bucks County Department of Health in partnership with the Bensalem Township School District will be offering H1N1 vaccine free of charge to your child who is a student in the Bensalem Township School District at the **Bensalem High School located at 4319 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem PA 19020 on Monday November 23, 2009 between the hours of 3pm and 9pm.** Vaccine will only be available for students in a school covered by the Bensalem Township School District nursing department. These schools include all Bensalem Township public schools, Our Lady of Fatima, Saint Charles Borromeo, Saint Ephrem's, DeLaSalle Vocational, Holy Ghost Preparatory School, Trevoise Day School and the Christian Life Center kindergarten program. Any child who is not attending a school covered by the District nursing department will not receive a vaccination.

Please bring your child to the high school on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will not vaccinate your middle/elementary school aged child without you or another adult present.

If you would like your child vaccinated, please complete and return the consent form by November 16<sup>th</sup> to your school nurse. For those students who will require a second dose of the vaccine (those under 10 years of age), we will provide an opportunity to receive the second shot. The time and location of that clinic will follow.

There is a link on the front page of the Bensalem Township School District website ([www.bensalemsd.org](http://www.bensalemsd.org)) that will serve as a resource center for parents interested in information regarding the H1N1 virus. By accessing the link, you will find a cover letter from the Bucks County Department of Health and fact sheets on the two types of vaccines-*inactivated* (flu shot) and *live attenuated* (nasal spray). The site also has a copy of the permission form referenced above. We encourage you to access this site regularly for any updated information on the District's response to the county's immunization efforts. If you have any questions, about the vaccine, we encourage you to contact your healthcare provider or the Bucks County Department of Health (215-345-3318). Thank you for your patience and understanding, as the H1N1 vaccine has taken longer to produce and distribute than previously expected.

Sincerely,

David Damsker, MD, MPH

Director

Bucks County Department of Health