

Greenwich Central School District
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Washington County Public Health wants to help protect our student body from the H1N1 flu by offering **FREE H1N1 flu vaccination** at Greenwich Central School. The H1N1 flu vaccine is recommended for children and young adults between the ages of 6 months and 24 years. Flu vaccination is the single best way to help prevent your child from getting and spreading the flu.

Children are recommended to receive the H1N1 flu vaccine for the following reasons:

- The H1N1 flu is making many children sick enough to miss class, after school activities, or even be hospitalized.
- Children can also spread the flu to people in the home who could get very sick from the flu, such as grandparents, younger siblings, or babies.

Our school will host vaccination clinics **January 12, 2010 thru January 14, 2010 from approximately 9:00am - 2:00pm**. This vaccine is available at no charge to you. Children nine years of age and younger will need two doses of vaccine given four weeks apart. A second clinic will be held later in the season for children who need a second dose of flu vaccine. When Washington County Public Health schedules the next date, we will notify the public.

Enclosed you will find the following:

- **Parental Consent Form** that will allow your child to be vaccinated against the H1N1 flu at school.
- **Vaccine Information Sheet** for both the flu nasal spray and shot.

Your child will not be vaccinated if we do not receive a complete and signed *Parental Consent Form*. This consent form must be returned to the school by December 21, 2009.

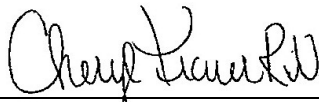
Immunization is the best way to protect your child against this or future outbreaks of this virus. Even though the incidents of flu may seem to be declining, it is predicted that it will return later in the year. If you chose not to have your child participate or your child refuses to be immunized in the school clinic, immunization by your family physician or other clinic is still recommended.

If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccination clinic, please call the school nurse for your child's building. Your health care provider can also answer your questions about the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus. You may visit the CDC's 2009 H1N1 influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents> for more information.

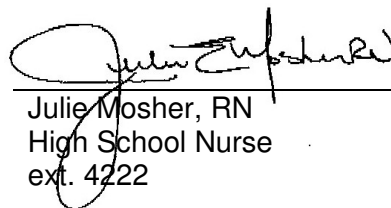
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