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Everyday Steps to Protect Your Health

- Cover your cough. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay at home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without the use of fever reducing medications except to get medical care or other necessities. Keep away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

A new influenza virus called H1N1 was first seen in Wisconsin last spring. It is recommended that children and young adults ages 6 months – 24 years be vaccinated against H1N1. At this time, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has recommended that school clinics be **delayed until vaccine is available and those people at greatest risk are protected.**

- The City of Oshkosh Health Services Division is working with your child's school to offer vaccine to children at school.
- Vaccination clinics will be held when vaccine becomes available.
- Parent consent forms for vaccine will be mailed home ahead of time when the clinic date for your school is announced.
- The H1N1 vaccine is not required for school attendance, but is highly recommended.
- There will be no cost for H1N1 vaccine.
- Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this disease.

How we plan to provide the vaccine to children in schools:

- Elementary students will be offered vaccine approximately 1:00–6:00 p.m. on a weekday to allow parents/guardians the opportunity to be present after school.
- Middle school students in K-8 shared buildings will be offered vaccine at the same time as the elementary students in their facility.
- Middle and high school students will be vaccinated during the school day.
- Only students returning signed Parent Consent forms to school when requested will be vaccinated during the school day.
- Community clinics will be offered as vaccine resources are available.
- H1N1 Vaccine is available in two forms, nasal spray and injectable (shot). At this time we are unable to guarantee the form of vaccine that will be available at each clinic.

The only vaccine that will be offered during the school day will be the injectable form (shot) of vaccine.

If you would like your child to receive flu mist (nasal spray), you will need to accompany your child and provide consent at a clinic that is held after school.

Please visit the following websites www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/ and www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents for more information.

If you have any other questions, please call the City of Oshkosh Health Services Division at 920-236-5030.

Sincerely,

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