



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
HEALTH AGENCY

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**2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine To Be Available At Schools In San Luis Obispo County**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department in cooperation with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education and the 10 school districts in the County will offer 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine at school sites throughout the County this fall. **Receipt of the vaccination is voluntary.**

This vaccine is to protect against the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus. **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has recommended that children and young adults aged 6 months through 24 years be vaccinated against 2009 H1N1 as soon as the vaccine is available.** It is recommended that your child receive the vaccine even if she/he has had "influenza" this fall unless there was laboratory confirmation of 2009 H1N1 illness.

Vaccinations will be provided beginning in November at your child's school. Your child's school will let you know the specific date. There will be no cost to you for this vaccine.

**The yellow vaccine consent form attached must be filled out completely and returned to your student's teacher within four (4) school days in order for your student to receive the H1N1 vaccine.**

No child will be given H1N1 vaccine without a completed consent. If you consent, the vaccine will be given to your child at school on a scheduled day via an injection or nasal mist. You will be provided with a record of the vaccine received by your child, as well as information about timing and availability of a second dose of vaccine if your child is under 10 years of age. If, at any time, you change your mind about having your child vaccinated, you can call or come in person to the school to inform school staff.

If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccination, visit the SLO County Public Health website at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/publichealth/swineflu.htm>, call the recorded information line at 805-788-2903 or call the San Luis Obispo Public Health Department office at 805-781-5500.

Sincerely,

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