

**IT'S NOT OVER**

**H1N1 FLU**

**GET YOUR FLU SHOT NOW**

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Dear teachers and staff,

We have been selected as one of eight schools in Michigan to participate in an H1N1 vaccination outreach program. We are very fortunate to be a part of this prevention effort and we request your understanding and participation.

The public's reaction to H1N1 flu has ranged from fear to apathy. That's understandable but very dangerous.

A more measured response is needed. That's why this program is so important. Flu pandemics often come in multiple waves of infection and it's possible we may see another spike this summer, next school year or not at all.

Flu viruses are very unpredictable and the H1N1 is no exception. While H1N1 hasn't been as deadly as feared, it has made a lot of people very sick—especially students from 10 to 19 years.

H1N1 is NOT a seasonal flu. It has proven to be year round and the CDC reports that it's active right now in the southeast United States.

That's why we are advising prevention:

- Practice good hand washing hygiene
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Get your FREE H1N1 flu shot at your school-based health center

We have two key outreach messages to share with our community:

1. H1N1 is still out there. Get your flu shot now.
2. The H1N1 vaccination is safe, convenient and free.

This is a community-wide effort to protect our students, their families and our community. Our school-based health center will be implementing this campaign with your support and the help of students.

Letters explaining the free program will be going out to parents, informative posters will be found around the school, and our students will be contributing to the outreach program with their own public service announcements.

The more people we can vaccinate now, the less likely H1N1 will spread in our schools, families, and communities.

Your support and understanding is greatly appreciated. In the meantime, please consider getting an H1N1 flu shot. It's free in our school-based health center.

This H1N1 flu vaccine program is not only a great opportunity to protect our students, it's also a great opportunity for all of us to get to know our school-based health center better and learn more about our other services like:

- Medicaid enrollment
- School physicals
- Vision screening
- Hearing screening
- Lead testing
- Well child visits
- TB tests