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**To All Parents and Guardians:
Health Department and School Officials Begin
Planning for Early Childhood H1N1 Flu Vaccinations**

The continued presence of the flu in our community is leading the Black Hawk County Health Department and your school district to begin planning for school-based vaccination clinics for children 6 months to pre-kindergarten.

There will be no charge for these vaccinations

We recommend that you vaccinate your child(ren) even if they have already been sick because this will help them fight off future exposures.

If you wish to have your child(ren) vaccinated at an early childhood clinic, you must:

1. **Read the attached Vaccine Information Sheets for both the activated nasal flu mist and the inactivated injectable form of H1N1 vaccine**
 - a. At this time we can not be certain which form of vaccine will be available at the time of the clinic. This is determined through federal and state allocation.
 - b. The type of vaccine given to your child will depend on availability at the time of the clinic. Both forms are safe, effective and appropriate for vaccinating children.
 - c. Children less than 9 years old **must receive a second shot** 30 days after their first
2. All consent forms for each child must be signed by a parent or guardian

NO CHILD CAN BE VACCINATED WITHOUT A COMPLETED AND SIGNED CONSENT FORM

If you have questions or concerns regarding H1N1, the vaccines or the clinics, please do not hesitate to contact the Black Hawk County Health Department.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CLINICS

December 14, 2009 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
AEA 267 Conference Center
3712 Cedar Heights Drive
Cedar Falls, IA

December 16, 2009 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Waterloo East High School – Commons Area
214 High Street
Waterloo, IA