

October 14, 2009

Dear Douglas County School District Parents,

The Douglas County School District has been asked by the Tri-County Health Department to provide locations for free H₁N₁ vaccinations within our community.

Health Department experts state that receiving the vaccination is one of the best steps that can be taken to potentially prevent and mitigate the H₁N₁ virus. If your family makes a determination that vaccination is appropriate, the following Tri-County community clinics have been established.

- **Saturday, November 7, 2009** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. ThunderRidge High School
- **Monday, November 9, 2009** 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Legend High School
- **Tuesday, November 10, 2009** 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Mountain Ridge Middle School
- **Saturday, November 21, 2009** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Castle View High School

Information regarding vaccinations at these Tri-County Clinics:

1. Vaccinations are free to the public, funded by the Health Department.
2. Vaccinations are for groups considered a priority by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and are open to any community member that is identified within the prioritized list:
 - a. **Children 6 months to 18 years old** (Children up to the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian)
 - b. **Pregnant women**
 - c. **Young adults ages 18 to 24**
 - d. **Adults 25-64 who have chronic health problems** (such as asthma and diabetes)
 - e. **Adults who take care of infants less than 6 months of age** (because the infants are too young to receive the vaccine themselves).
 - f. **Healthcare providers.**
3. If you have questions regarding the vaccine please contact:
 - a. Your health care provider
 - b. Tri-County Health at www.tchd.org or call 1-877-462-2911 for more information.
4. If you have questions regarding the steps DCSD is taking to address the H₁N₁ virus, or need a copy of this information, please visit our website at <http://www.dcsdk12.org> and follow the H₁N₁ Update link in Timely Topics.

If you believe that you may take advantage of the free H₁N₁ clinic from Tri-County Health, to assist us in planning please follow the link below and complete a very brief survey– the link is also available on the DCSD website. *(Completing this survey does not guarantee availability of vaccinations or commit you to attending):* [H1N1 Flu Clinic Survey](#).

Please be aware that clinic dates and times may change depending on availability of the vaccine.