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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Consent forms for the H1N1 vaccination have been distributed and many families have responded.

Attached are two Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on October 2, 2009, which will help answer some of your questions about the H1N1 vaccines.

- **2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Live, Attenuated (the nasal spray vaccine).** The majority of students will be given the “Flu Mist.”
- **2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Inactivated (the “Flu Shot”).** “Flu Shots” will be given to students with chronic illnesses including asthma, diabetes, muscle and nerve disorders, blood disorders, and heart conditions. It also will be given to students who have weakened immune systems or have someone in their houses with a severely weakened immune system, are on long-term aspirin therapy or pregnant. (See #5 on the “Flu Mist” VIS form for more details.)

A copy of the consent form can be printed from Cincinnati Public Schools’ web site (<http://www.cps-k12.org/general/health/H1N1/H1N1.htm>). The consent forms also are available in foreign languages.

Vaccination clinics are beginning to be scheduled. Based on vaccine availability, your child’s school is tentatively scheduled for H1N1 vaccinations on the following date/time:

School	Date	Time
Elder High School	Wednesday, November 18, 2009	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you have questions or concerns about the H1N1 vaccine or the clinics, or want to make changes or withdraw your consent form, please call the Cincinnati Health Department’s School Health H1N1 Hotline at (513) 357-2815 or your school nurse.

Sincerely,

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