

Dear Parents:

Free H1N1 flu vaccine is being made available to all students of Horry County Schools through a cooperative effort between Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the School District.

The vaccine will be administered beginning November 9. [Click here](#) for the immunization schedule to see when the vaccination will be available at your child's school or when your child will have the opportunity for an immunization at a nearby school. If your child's school is not a vaccination site, Horry County Schools will provide bus transportation for your child to receive the vaccination during regular school hours. Immunization clinics will begin at 10:30 a.m. and extend until 6 p.m. on the scheduled dates. Parents, particularly those of younger children, may wish to accompany their child for the immunization during school hours or may do so after school hours up until 6 p.m.

A student who is small in size may not have a large enough muscle in the upper arm for the vaccine injection, therefore; the injection will be given in the upper thigh. Privacy will be maintained at all times if the student needs to have the injection in the upper thigh.

Important: If you consent to your child being vaccinated at school, but your child is unwilling, he or she will not be vaccinated at school. You will be notified in writing if your child did not receive the vaccine.

If you are interested in your child receiving the free H1N1 vaccine at school you must complete the enclosed [DHEC Consent Form](#) (click here for [DHEC Consent Form – Spanish version](#)) and return it to the school by the date indicated in the letter received from your principal.

If you wish to bring your child after school hours to receive the vaccine, please complete and return this form along with the [DHEC Consent Form](#) to your child's school:

STUDENT'S NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

____ I will bring my child after school hours to receive the vaccine.

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse or the Student Health Service Department at 843-488-6877.