



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will offer H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine to MCPS students, private school students and other healthy children from 2 years up to 18 years of age at FREE school-located clinics on the following dates: Wednesday, October 28, Wednesday, November 4, Wednesday, November 11 and Wednesday, November 18 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Northwood High School, 919 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, MD 20901

Northwest High School, 13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown, MD 20874

Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road, Rockville, MD 20851

H1N1 vaccine will also be offered for students at the School Health Services Center, MCPS Rocking Horse Road Center, and 4910 Macon Road, Rockville, MD 20852 starting on Thursday, October 15, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Both the H1N1 (swine) flu nasal spray and injectable (flu shot) vaccine will be offered as it is available. Individuals cannot receive the H1N1 (swine) flu nasal spray within 28 days of receiving the *seasonal* nasal spray (FluMist) vaccine.

In the next several weeks, the DHHS will offer the H1N1 (swine) flu nasal spray vaccine to MCPS students in Pre-K, Head Start and PEP classes during the school day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have identified children of this age as one of the priority groups for the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine. There are no plans to administer H1N1 (swine) flu nasal spray vaccine to other MCPS students during the school day.

For current information on locations and times of H1N1 (swine) flu clinics, check the County's website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu or call the flu hotline at 240-777-4200. In addition to the local health department, retail locations and some private physicians will be receiving the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine.

As you know, the *school based seasonal* flu vaccine campaign has been suspended. Instead, free seasonal injectable flu vaccine is being offered for students at the School Health Services Center, MCPS Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, Rockville, MD 20852 on Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Students under 9 years of age who need a second dose of seasonal flu vaccine may receive it at these clinics. Free seasonal flu vaccine clinics that are open to everyone will be held on October 31st at Silver Spring Health Center 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., on November 5th at Germantown Recreational Center 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon and on November 12th at University of Maryland Shady Grove, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The vaccination for the seasonal flu and the H1N1 (swine) flu is entirely voluntary and not required for school attendance.

Sincerely,

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