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District: Oriskany Date of Clinic: March 9, 2010 Time: 3:15PM-6:15PM Location: NA Walbran ES Gym

Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the past three months, the Oneida County Health Department has visited area school districts to provide H1N1 influenza vaccine to school children whose parents signed consent forms. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that children nine (9) years of age and younger receive a second dose of H1N1 influenza vaccine to insure high protection against the H1N1 virus. (It is normal for children receiving any new 'flu vaccine' who are 9 years of age or younger to receive a second dose to insure high levels of immunity.)

As a community service, we will be offering free H1N1 vaccine second doses in your school district in the coming weeks, at no charge. Due to the young age of the children and the requests of some parents to be present, we are scheduling a date(s)/time per district at a centralized district location to permit parents to bring their children in for their second dose of this H1N1 vaccine, after school hours. Whether your child received their first dose at their school, at a local clinic or at their healthcare provider, you may take advantage of this free community service at your district's school site. You must pre-register to schedule your child's appointment so that you will have minimal wait times. We schedule in 15 minute time blocks.

There are two ways to schedule your child's appointment for their second H1N1 vaccine dose and complete your child's second dose consent forms:

(Note: We ask if you have internet access that you use the online method to avoid telephone congestion.) If your child had their vaccine at school for H1N1 Dose # 1, you will still need to pre-register and complete a new consent form, but we will have your first dose consent form available for reference on your school district's clinic date.

1. Use our online vaccine appointment scheduling service. Go to www.ocgov.net and Click on the Quick Link for **SCHEDULE YOUR FLU SHOT** on the left side, register, and then schedule your appointment for your school's clinic date. You may schedule up to ten (10) family members at this time. If you did not choose to have your family member vaccinated for H1N1 the first time around, you may schedule their first dose at this time, as long as you pre-register for an appointment. Once your date and time are confirmed, please return to the home page and print off a **separate** consent form for **each** member of your family who will receive vaccine at this school clinic. They can be found in the Quick Link **H1N1 Vaccine Information** section of the Home Page. Complete the form and **bring it with you to your scheduled School Vaccine clinic appointment. Vaccine information sheets are also available in that section.**

2. If you do not have internet access, you may call us at **(315) 798-5747** and request assistance in scheduling a **School Clinic** appointment. Give our staff the date, school district clinic location, and time you would like to attend, and they will schedule the appointment for you. Plan to come to the clinic 5 minutes ahead of your scheduled time so that you may complete the consent forms at your school location **prior** to getting into the clinic registration line. We will have the consent forms available for you to complete for each family member at that time.

The deadline for pre-registering for your school district's H1N1 vaccine clinic date is March 4, 2010.

If you miss your deadline, we cannot accept late appointments in the registration system. However, you may come into the clinic during the last scheduled 30 minute time period and we will attempt to accommodate your family once all persons with scheduled appointments have received their H1N1 vaccine. If you are not available on your district's schedule date, you may register for any other public open clinic that we offer to receive your second H1N1 vaccine dose by checking the public clinic schedule and completing the same registration process to obtain an appointment.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bullwinkle
Quality Improvement Coordinator

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