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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Important information about H1N1 ("Swine") flu and the health of your child is provided below. More information about H1N1 vaccine may be obtained by calling Placer County Health and Human Services, 530-889-7161, or on the internet at www.placer.ca.gov.

The Placer County Department of Health and Human Services, in cooperation with your school district, will be providing **free** H1N1 flu vaccinations for healthy school-age children.

- This free vaccination is for the H1N1 flu, also known as the "Swine Flu," a new strain of flu this season
- This vaccination is not the same as the regular or seasonal flu shot and should be given in addition to the seasonal flu vaccine
- The H1N1 flu in children can be very serious, lasting a week or more. It can cause fever, chills, headache, extreme tiredness, and body aches
- Children should receive the H1N1 vaccine even if you think they may have had this flu
- Children under age 10 will require two doses of the vaccine approximately one month apart
- The vaccination may be given by injection or nasal spray

In order for your child to receive the H1N1 vaccination you must:

- Read both of the attached Vaccination Information Sheets
- Answer **all** of the questions on the consent form accurately
- Return the **signed** consent form to your school immediately even if you intend to accompany your child for his/her vaccination. The returned consent will assist us with clinic planning.

The clinics will be scheduled starting in November as the vaccine becomes available. Specific information on the date, time, and location of clinics, including clinics for a second dose, if required, will be available through your school as the schedules are finalized.

Sincerely,

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