



H1N1 Vaccine Clinic at School for Students

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Community Health will be bringing H1N1 vaccine to the schools in Kossuth County over the next several weeks. All students are asked to get their vaccination at their school-based clinic, which will be held during school hours. **There will be no cost to you for this vaccine.** Schools will be scheduled in the same order as they were for school-based seasonal flu clinics. A tentative schedule is posted at www.krhc.com. If vaccine has not arrived by the scheduled date, your school will be informed of the rescheduled clinic date and it will be posted at KRHC's website and announced on KLGa. For those of you who cannot access this information on the web, please request your school to send a paper packet home to you.

Spread of the H1N1 virus is thought to be happening in the same way as the seasonal influenza spreads. Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this potentially serious disease. Please read the H1N1 vaccine information sheets posted on KRHC's website. Once you have read these, complete the H1N1 consent form and return it to your school NOW. Your school will hold them until your school-based clinic is held. Returning your consent right away will ensure that your child will receive the vaccine at their school-based clinic.

Your child will be given the H1N1 **nasal mist** vaccine as recommended by the Iowa Department of Public Health, unless an evaluation of your consent form by the Community Health nurse indicates otherwise.

Children under the age of 10 will need a 2nd dose of H1N1 vaccine. Community Health will return to each school for the second dose. For those 10 years of age and older, only one dose is needed. If your child is absent for either clinic at their school, you are asked to take them to the community-based clinics on Tuesday and Thursday's (times and locations posted on KRHC's website).

For the latest information about H1N1, please check:

- www.idph.state.ia.us
- www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/

For the latest information about school-based H1N1 clinics, check the following sources:

- www.krhc.com (consent form, school-based clinic schedule, vaccine information)
- KRHC's Flu Hotline 515-295-4451
- Your school &/or school website
- Listen to KLGa

Sincerely,
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