



North East Independent School District

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Dear NEISD Parent/Guardian:

The district is sending this letter to keep you informed of developments concerning the H1N1 influenza (swine flu) vaccination. North East ISD has been working closely with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to coordinate a plan for H1N1 inoculations at our schools.

Due to a nationwide shortage, NEISD expects to receive a limited amount of H1N1 vaccine to distribute at our schools. How many doses, what kind of vaccinations (nasal mist or injectable forms), or when vaccinations will be received are key pieces of information that are still unknown at this time. Therefore, the district is tentatively planning to offer the H1N1 vaccinations to medically-fragile elementary school students first before other student groups. If more doses become available after this group is complete, NEISD will develop a plan for further vaccine distribution.

NEISD will notify parents if/when vaccines are received so that families can decide whether or not to participate in this voluntary inoculation program. Families will receive a notification letter, consent form and questionnaire before the inoculation clinic is scheduled at their child's school.

Health officials recommend the H1N1 vaccination for the following priority groups: pregnant women, caretakers of infants less than six months of age, healthcare workers, children and adults with health conditions such as asthma or diabetes, and people under the age of 25. Since NEISD will only receive limited amounts of vaccine, it is recommended that families visit their medical provider for H1N1 inoculations.

Let me assure you that the health and well-being of our students is our top priority, and we are working closely with Metro Health to limit the spread of influenza. **Please remember the 3 C's to keep your family well:**

- **Clean** – wash hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, like the Kleenhanz towelettes supplied in all NEISD classrooms.
- **Cover** – cover coughs or sneezes using your arm or sleeve when a tissue is unavailable.
- **Contain** – Do not send children to school if they are sick and do not share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils.

If you have any questions, call your school clinic or Metro Health Flu Hotline at 207-5779.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Middleton
Superintendent of Schools