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TO: The Honorable Patricia Hamamoto
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health 

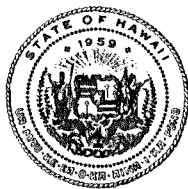
SUBJECT: Planning for Possible Novel H1N1 Vaccination Clinics in Schools Statewide

The Department of Health would like to send the attached joint letter to all complex area superintendents and principals, requesting their assistance and participation in preparing for potential novel H1N1 vaccination clinics in the schools this fall/winter, with the goal of reducing novel H1N1 flu virus transmission from schools to homes and the community and decreasing the likelihood of school outbreaks. These clinics, as mentioned previously, would be separate from the currently scheduled "Stop Flu at School" seasonal flu vaccination clinics. DOH will make every effort to maintain a close working relationship with the schools to ensure timely communication and guidance regarding novel H1N1 vaccination clinic planning.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Park, M.D., FA.A.P., Chief of the Disease Outbreak Control Division at (808) 587-6845.

Attachment

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In reply, please refer to:
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August 14, 2009

Dear Principals:

The Department of Health in collaboration with the Department of Education, is currently planning potential novel H1N1 (pandemic) vaccination clinics in the schools this fall/winter. These clinics will be held on separate dates from the currently scheduled Stop Flu at School *seasonal* flu vaccine clinics.

Many critical unknowns remain, such as when a novel H1N1 vaccine may be available and the quantities that will be produced. It is also unclear how long the current novel H1N1 influenza pandemic will persist and whether the severity may increase. However, we do know that:

- To date, the largest number of confirmed novel H1N1 influenza cases have occurred in persons between the ages of 5 and 24 years
- Novel H1N1 influenza has caused numerous outbreaks in schools and summer camps over the past several months
- Children are known to be highly likely to transmit flu viruses, especially in schools and in other group settings.

Therefore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recommended that school children be in one of the initial target groups for novel H1N1 vaccination.

Although many details are yet to be determined, we would like to know whether your school would participate in these novel H1N1 vaccination clinics. The time frame for these clinics is currently unknown, pending the availability of the novel H1N1 vaccine, but would likely be scheduled at least one month after the regular Stop Flu at School clinic at your school. We appreciate that it may be difficult to commit to holding novel H1N1 vaccination clinics without more detailed information. However, we anticipate that these clinics will be run very similar to the current Stop Flu at School vaccination clinics. If you are interested in participating in these clinics, please complete the enclosed form and fax it to (808) 586-8302 **by August 28, 2009**. Further details about the novel H1N1 vaccination clinics will be forthcoming as soon as they become available.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Chiyome Lemaala Fukino, M.D. in black ink.

Chiyome Lemaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health

Handwritten signature of Patricia Hamamoto in black ink.

Patricia Hamamoto
Superintendent of Education

Enclosure

School-based Novel H1N1 (Pandemic) Influenza Vaccination Program 2009-2010

Yes My school would like to participate in the **Novel H1N1 (Pandemic)** influenza vaccination program

No My school chooses not to participate

Please let us know the reason(s): _____

School Name		Phone	Fax
Address (Street)		City	Zip
Contact Information		Phone	Email
Principal's Name:			
		Ext:	
School Liaison for this Project:			
		Ext:	
Estimated School Enrollment	Grade Levels	Estimated Total Enrollment (Number of Students)	Estimated Total Number of Faculty/Staff

Principal's Signature

Date

Please fax to (808) 586-8302 by August 28, 2009

Further details about the novel H1N1 clinics will be forthcoming as soon as they become available. If you have any questions, please call or email: Rowena Okumura at (808) 586-8318 (email: rowena.okumura@doh.hawaii.gov) or Carl Chu, PharmD at (808) 586-8329 (email: carl.chu@doh.hawaii.gov)