

MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
56853 Northridge Drive
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Dear Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with more information about the vaccination for H1N1 flu which is being offered in all public and private schools in Elkhart County through the Elkhart County Health Department. Although not all dates have been set for all of the schools, we need to make sure the parents have the proper paperwork.

We have been informed that Northridge High School students will receive their vaccines on November 2, 2009 at 9:00 am. However, we are still waiting to hear when Northridge Middle School and Heritage Intermediate School will receive theirs. After these schools have been given the opportunity to provide the vaccine to their students, Jefferson Elementary School, Middlebury Elementary School, Orchard View Elementary School, and York Elementary School will have the same opportunity.

Please note that children under the age of 10 years old will be required to have the vaccine administered two (2) times. The first administration will be when all of the students receive theirs and the second vaccination will be approximately twenty-eight (28) days later.

There is no cost for having the vaccination at school. It is your decision whether or not to have your student receive the vaccination for H1N1 flu at school.

If you want your student vaccinated at school but are absent on the date shown above, you will need to re-schedule with the Elkhart County Health Department or your private physician to receive the vaccine.

Also being sent home with your student is a copy of the H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Information Statement, which provides you with information about the benefits and risks of the vaccine. The H1N1 Influenza/Vaccine Administration Record needs to be completed, signed and returned before your child is able to have the vaccination. Be sure to clearly indicate if you are giving consent or if you are not giving consent.

Students who do not return the signed consent form will not be vaccinated.

If you believe you need to be present when your student is being vaccinated, please arrange to have the vaccination done at a non-school clinic. Contact the Elkhart County Health Department for information regarding when and where these clinics are being held.

If you have further questions about the vaccine, please refer to item 9 on the H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Information Statement.