

# SOUTHEAST DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Stephen D. Butz  
Superintendent

November 18, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Southeast Delco School District, in partnership with Delaware County, will be distributing the H1N1 vaccine to district school-aged children. This vaccine offers protection against the H1N1 flu. Immunization of school-aged children is a significant factor in limiting influenza outbreaks in a community. Thanks to federal funding, there will be no charge for the H1N1 flu vaccine available through the county. The vaccine will be made available to all public, private, and parochial school students in grades K-12. Once Southeast Delco School District is notified of when it will begin to receive the vaccine, we will notify parents. Academy Park High School will be the "point of distribution" (POD) for our district and the clinic will take place after school or on a weekend.

If you wish to have your child(ren) receive the H1N1 vaccine, please complete the attached consent form (one consent form for each child attending school within the boundaries of the Southeast Delco School District) and return the completed forms to your child's school by **Tuesday, November 24, 2009**. **Vaccine will not be administered without a consent form on file**. Additional consent forms are available at [www.sedelco.org](http://www.sedelco.org) and at your child's school.

As the consent form indicates, your child(ren) may receive the vaccine by way of the intranasal "mist" or as an injection. The form allows you to indicate your preference, but because of the limited availability of the vaccine, we cannot guarantee your preference. In addition, the district may need to prioritize the distribution of the vaccine by grade level or school, as recommended by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

*Please note: Children who wheeze, have asthma, egg allergies, use the prescriptive drug albuterol and/or have other health related issues cannot receive the flu mist vaccine (LAIV) but may be eligible to receive the vaccine by injection. Children who have recently received the regular flu mist from their family doctor may receive the injectable vaccine, but must wait four weeks before receiving the H1N1 flu mist. Please contact your child's health care provider with questions or concerns on whether your child will be able to participate in this clinic.*

This is a very large process and we will need many volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call (610) 522-4300 ext. 6215 from 9 AM to 2 PM, or send an email to [fluinfo@sedelco.org](mailto:fluinfo@sedelco.org). To learn more about the vaccine or the H1N1 virus, please visit the CDC's 2009 H1N1 influenza web site at <http://www.flu.gov> and also <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents> for more information especially for parents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen D. Butz".

Stephen Butz