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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may know, the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus is causing illness in Nashville and around the country. The illness is usually mild, but there have been some cases of severe illness and death. Many children have gotten the 2009 H1N1 infection, and there have been outbreaks in some schools. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children and young adults aged 6 months through 24 years be vaccinated against 2009 H1N1 as soon as the vaccine is available.

The H1N1 flu vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family from this potentially serious illness. The Metro Public Health Department will be giving H1N1 vaccinations at several locations throughout the city (please see below). We will open these clinics when the vaccine becomes available, which is likely to be toward the first of November. These clinics will be open to the general public. The specific dates and hours for vaccination clinics will be announced through various media channels once we are ready to offer vaccines to the public. Anyone less than ten years old will need two doses of vaccine 4 weeks apart. There will be no cost to you for this vaccine.

Tentative 2009 H1N1 Community Vaccination Clinic Sites	
Lentz Public Health Center	311 23 rd Avenue North, 37203
Tennessee State Fairgrounds	Wilson Hall, 625 Smith Avenue, 37203
Hartman Regional Community Center	2801 Tucker Road, 37218
Hickory Hollow Mall	Exit 59, I-24 at Bell Road, 37213

Both the Flu Mist nasal spray and the Flu shot will be offered. Some people should not get Flu Mist. You will be asked to answer a series of questions to help us determine if you and your family can receive the Flu Mist or the Flu shot. Your personal medical provider may also be able to offer you and your family the 2009 H1N1 vaccine.

If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccination clinics, please call: 615-340-7775 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Also, please visit the MPHD's 2009 H1N1 influenza web site at <http://health.nashville.gov/> for more information. Your health care provider can also answer your questions about the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus.

Sincerely,

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