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Dear Parents/Guardians:

There is a clinic for all Clinton County pre-school and school-age children scheduled for **Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM** at the **St. John's Middle School, 900 West Townsend Rd., St. Johns.**

Vaccine consent forms were previously distributed; please bring completed forms with you. Consent forms will also be available at the clinic if you do not have one.

Vaccinations are still recommended for people who have had influenza-like-illness. Tests performed in a doctor's office to detect influenza are not accurate enough to confirm the presence or absence of H1N1.

The health department has a supply of both the injectable vaccine as well as the FluMist (nasal spray). FluMist vaccine is a live vaccine – which is weakened – so it will not cause illness. FluMist is approved for people from 2 through 49 years of age who do not have certain health conditions (i.e. pregnancy, heart disease, asthma, diabetes) or anyone in close contact to a person with a severely weakened immune system. In order to use the resources effectively and protect as many children as possible - those individuals who qualify for FluMist will be encouraged to get that vaccine.

Key facts to remember:

- There is no charge to receive the vaccine at these clinics.
- No appointment is necessary.
- In order to be vaccinated, students under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Persons with influenza-like illnesses should not attend the mass vaccination clinic.

Please visit www.mmdhd.org for additional information or call MMDHD's H1N1 flu hotline with questions at 989-224-2195, extension 3675.

Sincerely,

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