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NEWS RELEASE

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CLOVIS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS INFORMATION ABOUT SEASONAL FLU AND H1N1

As we enter the 2009 influenza season, Clovis Municipal Schools would like to take this opportunity to share information with you about seasonal flu and H1N1 and the plans for addressing these and other illnesses at school. As we prepare for the possibility that more people than usual in our schools and community will become ill this year with seasonal flu and H1N1, our district has and will continue to be guided by information from the Centers for Disease Control, the New Mexico Department of Health, and local public health officials.

Clovis Municipal Schools will be conducting vaccination clinics for *seasonal flu* at school sites sometime between October 19 – 23, 2009. Every student in Clovis Schools should have received a packet containing seasonal flu information and a consent form that must be completed by the parent and returned to the school by October 2, 2009. If a parent/guardian did not receive this packet, they should contact their child's school to obtain one. The vaccinations are free for Clovis students.

Should children experience a fever over 100°F and a cough or sore throat they should not attend school until 24 hours after the fever has resolved **without** the help of fever reducing medication. We have communicated with parents the importance of keeping children who are ill out of school in order to slow the spread of illnesses to other students and staff on our campuses. A child who comes to school with these symptoms or develops them while at school **WILL BE SENT HOME. Parents need to ensure their child's school has a way to reach them during the school day.** Children who are ill at school may be separated from others, or be asked to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth until they can be picked up.

We will continue to share information with parents about influenza through updates on the district's website at www.clovis-schools.org and in school newsletters.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Zia Elementary cafeteria. Any parent/guardian needing further information or who has questions and/or concerns is encouraged to attend. You may also contact Rhonda Sparks, Director of Health Services, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at 575-935-0011.