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**Dear School Staff,**

Schenectady County Public Health Services is pleased to work with your school district to give the new H1N1 flu vaccine. We will be at your school district **Wednesday, December 16, 2009** to administer the vaccine.

In addition to the children, we are able to vaccinate adults who are recommended to receive the vaccine first. They are: pregnant women, people who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age, health care and emergency medical personal, anyone from 25 through 64 years of age with certain chronic medical conditions or a weakened immune system. **There will be no cost for this vaccine or service.** If you are in one of the above groups and desire to receive the vaccine we will be able to administer it to you while we are at your school.

Please read the information included with this letter. It will explain when the vaccination is being offered in your school. The packet includes the **2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Information Statement** for injectable administration, the **2009 H1N1 Live, Attenuated Influenza Vaccine Information Statement** (the nasal spray vaccine) and the **SCPHS H1N1 Flu 2009** Consent Form. You will receive either the injectable or the nasal spray vaccine dependent on the results of the medical screening and vaccine availability.

1. Please read both **2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Information Statements**.
2. Fill in the Patient Information and the Emergency Contact and answer questions 1 through 14 on the **SCPHS H1N1 Flu 2009** Consent Form. **All questions must be answered.**
3. Please print your name, sign your name and date the bottom of the Consent Form.
4. Bring the **SCPHS H1N1 Flu 2009** Consent Form to the clinic being held at your school.

If you have any questions about the vaccine or the school clinics, please call 386-2824 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Other important information is available at the CDC's 2009 H1N1 website at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> and also <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents>.

Your Health Care Provider can also answer your questions about the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine and virus.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner of Public Health Services