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Dear Parents/Guardians of Gwinnett County Public Schools' Students,

As you may know, health departments across the state are slowly receiving small shipments of the H1N1 nasal spray to help fight the virus that causes influenza in adults and children. While the severity level of H1N1 influenza is considered low so far, there have been cases that have resulted in hospitalization and even death.

Gwinnett County Health Departments have received a limited supply of the H1N1 nasal spray and anticipate more to arrive in the next few weeks and months. We will begin offering it Friday, October 9th, 2009, at **no cost to you**.

Although the primary focus of this small, initial supply is healthy children ages 2 to 4 years old, the H1N1 nasal spray can be administered to healthy people ages 2 to 49 years of age and non-pregnant women. Persons who have been immunized with a live virus in the past 30 days can not receive the H1N1 nasal spray.

If you are interested in receiving the H1N1 nasal spray:

- Visit a Health Department location near you (see clinic addresses below) or your pediatrician/family physician.
- Bring your Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance card with you, and your provider will be billed.
- If you are unsure if you have been immunized with a live virus in the past 30 days, please bring a copy of your immunization records with you.

As quantities of vaccine are limited at this point, we encourage interested citizens to call (770) 339-4260 or visit www.emhd.com to confirm availability of the vaccine prior to your arrival.

Your child's pediatrician and/or family practice provider can also answer your questions about the 2009 H1N1 Influenza virus and should be able to give your child the H1N1 nasal spray.

If you have any questions about the H1N1 nasal spray, please visit the CDC's 2009 H1N1 influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>, <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents>, The Department of Community Health website at <http://health.state.ga.us/h1n1flu>, or the East Metro Public Health website at www.emhd.com for information.

Sincerely,

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Buford Health Center

2755 Sawnee Avenue
Buford, GA 30518
770-614-2401

Hours 8:00 am - 7:00 pm,
Monday and Thursday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Friday

Lawrenceville Health Center

455 Grayson Highway, Suite 300
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
770-339-4283

Hours 7:30 am - 6:30 pm,
Monday through Thursday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Friday

Norcross Health Center

5030 Georgia Belle Court
Norcross, GA 30093
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Monday through Thursday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm on Friday