



## *A special Invitation for Parents from Southwest District Health...*

*Dear Parents,*

The H1N1 flu, or “swine” flu, is currently circulating worldwide among humans. School-age children are particularly susceptible to the H1N1 virus, creating the potential for a higher rate of hospitalizations and deaths among younger age groups. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Southwest District Health (SWDH) recommend that children and young adults aged six months through 24 years be vaccinated against this virus. Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this potentially serious disease.

SWDH is working with your School District to provide students the opportunity to receive the H1N1 vaccine **FREE** of charge. This is a special invitation for the students attending your child’s school to receive the vaccine.

A special “School-age Clinic” will be offered at the former Sportsman’s Warehouse located at the corner of I84 and Karcher Rd, Exit 33

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

A parent or guardian must be present for all students under the age of 14. Each child must have a signed consent form before receiving the vaccine. The form may be downloaded from [www.swdh.org](http://www.swdh.org) or will be provided at the clinic.

**Please note:** Children nine years and under must receive a booster vaccination approximately 21-28 days after the first dose for optimal protection against the virus. In addition, children who have a serious allergy to eggs; had a serious reaction to a previous dose of flu vaccine; or had Guillian-Barre Syndrome, may not receive the H1N1Vaccine.

Vaccine availability is dependent on supplies received from the CDC.

If you have questions, please call 455-5411 (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

*We look forward to seeing you December 8<sup>th</sup>!!!*

*SWDH and your School District*