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Dear Parents and Guardians of Metuchen students and all Staff Members:

We will be holding a final H1N1 vaccination clinic using vaccine already on hand. In cooperation with the Middlesex County Department of Health, the clinic will be on **Tuesday, January 12, 2010** at Metuchen High School from 3:30 pm to 5 pm for students who need the second dose, students who were not immunized, and for school district and borough personnel including all Borough first responders. Parents must be present for their children to be immunized. From 5 pm to 7 pm the clinic will be open to the public until the supplies run out. There is no charge. The clinic remains subject to CDC guidelines and persons who do not meet the CDC criteria may be turned away. CDC guidelines are listed below.

The groups recommended to receive the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine include:

- **Pregnant women** because they are at higher risk of complications and can potentially provide protection to infants who cannot be vaccinated;
- **Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age** because younger infants are at higher risk of influenza-related complications and cannot be vaccinated. Vaccination of those in close contact with infants younger than 6 months old might help protect infants by “cocooning” them from the virus;
- **Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel** because infections among healthcare workers have been reported and this can be a potential source of infection for vulnerable patients. Also, increased absenteeism in this population could reduce healthcare system capacity;
- **All people from 6 months through 24 years of age**
 - **Children from 6 months through 18 years of age** because cases of 2009 H1N1 influenza have been seen in children who are in close contact with each other in school and day care settings, which increases the likelihood of disease spread, and
 - **Young adults 19 through 24 years of age** because many cases of 2009 H1N1 influenza have been seen in these healthy young adults and they often live, work, and study in close proximity, and they are a frequently mobile population; and,
- **Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.**

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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