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Date: November 30, 2009

To: Parents and Guardians of Ipswich Elementary School Students

From: Colleen E. Fermon, Ipswich Health Director
Richard L. Korb, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Spencer Amesbury, School Physician, Ipswich Board of Health

Re: **H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Clinic Schedule for the Doyon and Winthrop Elementary Schools**

The Ipswich Board of Health, in conjunction with the Ipswich Public Schools, has scheduled H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics for students of the Ipswich Elementary Schools. The H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics for the students of the Doyon and Winthrop Elementary Schools will be held on Saturday, **December 12, 2009** at the Performing Arts Center of the Middle School/High School at 130/134 High Street. **Access to the clinic will be through the High School/ Middle School breezeway only.**

Due to the large number of Elementary children to be vaccinated, the following schedule has been set to limit the number of people arriving at one time in order to minimize the amount of time you will have to wait at the clinic. Regardless of which elementary school your child attends, please arrive at the clinic at the appropriate time listed below according to the first initial of the last name of the child to be vaccinated.

Children with the a last name beginning with A-F need to arrive at 9:00 am
Children with the a last name beginning with G-L need to arrive at 9:45 am
Children with the a last name beginning with M-R need to arrive at 10:30 am
Children with the a last name beginning with S-Z need to arrive at 11:15 am

Your child will only receive the H1N1 influenza vaccine if you have already completed a consent form granting your consent. Due to the limited supply of vaccine, if you have not already completed a consent form, your child will not be vaccinated at the December clinic. Subsequent clinics are being planned for January 2010.

Only the injectable (shot) form of the H1N1 influenza vaccine will be utilized since we do not have the nasal spray form. Please have your child wear a shirt with loose fitting sleeves or short sleeves to the clinic since the injection will be given in the upper arm. As a precaution, it is recommended that your child waits a minimum of 15 minutes at the clinic after receiving the injection. The decision to wait will be left up to the parent/guardian in attendance.

If your child received the H1N1 influenza vaccine after you submitted the consent form or will receive the vaccine prior to the clinic date, please contact Colleen Fermon, Ipswich Health Director, at 978-356-6606 extension 7 by **December 3, 2009** to update your child's record. Children under 10 years of age require 2 doses of the H1N1 vaccine. The second dose must be

given a minimum of 28 days after the date of the first H1N1 influenza vaccination. Only one dose of the H1N1 influenza vaccine is required for children 10 years of age and older.

If you provided consent for the nasal spray form only, you will need to complete a new consent form if you want your child to get the shot. The consent form can be obtained through the Ipswich Public Schools website www.ipswichschools.org. You must either drop off the consent form at the Town Hall Health Office at 25 Green Street between the hours of 8am and 4pm or fax the form to the Health Office at 978-356-6680 by **December 3, 2009**.

Another clinic will be scheduled in January 2010 to provide an opportunity for children less than 10 years of age to receive a second dose of the H1N1 influenza vaccine. The date will be scheduled once sufficient supplies of vaccine are obtained.