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Date: November 30, 2009

To: Parents and Guardians of Ipswich Middle and High 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 Middle and High Schools**

The Ipswich Board of Health, in conjunction with the Ipswich Public Schools, has scheduled H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics for students of the Middle and High Schools. The H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics will be held at the Performing Arts Center of the Middle School/High School at 130/134 High Street.

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 clinics. 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, your child will be kept at the clinic for a minimum of 15 minutes after receiving the injection for observation.

Both Middle and High School clinics will occur during the school day without parents in attendance.

The H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics for the **Middle School** students will be held on **Monday, December 7, 2009** between 8 am and 9:30 am.

The H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics for the **High School** students will be held on **Wednesday, December 9, 2009** between 8 am and 10 am.

Only one dose of the H1N1 influenza vaccine is required for children 10 years of age and older. If your child received the H1N1 influenza vaccine after you submitted the consent form, please call Colleen Fermon, Ipswich Health Director, at 978-356-6606 extension 7 by **December 3, 2009** to remove your child's name from the vaccination list.

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**.

Information regarding H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics for elementary students will be provided in a separate letter.