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Charleston Schools have been working closely with the Coles County Health Department with issues related to all flu conditions. On the morning of Wednesday, October 21, 2009, officials from the Coles County Health Department notified the school district that H1N1 vaccinations are now available to elementary school students. Vaccination consent forms are being sent home with students to share with parents. **The deadline for parents to return the forms is Monday, October 26.** The goal is to begin vaccinations after the consent forms are returned next week.

If those forms did not make it home with students, the forms and information may be accessed on the school district website at www.charleston.k12.il.us.

The H1N1 Vaccine Consent Form must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian. A parent or guardian signature indicating consent is required for the child to receive the vaccination. Should the parent or guardian not wish for the child to be vaccinated, a signature declining the vaccination is required. Either way, it is important that parents or guardians to complete the form, sign according to family wishes regarding consent, and **return the form to your child's school by Monday, October 26, 2009.**

Coles County Health Department officials said that more vaccinations are forthcoming for middle school and high school students in the district. When those vaccinations become available, we will notify parents. Officials did not give a date as to when those vaccinations will be available.

For more information about the flu, please access the following website www.flu.gov , and www.co.coles.il.us. If you have any questions regarding the H1N1 flu vaccine clinic please contact Coles County Health Dept. at 348-0530.

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