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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Health experts recommend that all children and young adults age 6 months through 24 years of age be vaccinated against H1N1 (swine) influenza. H1N1 influenza can be particularly severe in children because they lack immunity to the virus and are considered at high risk of infection.

In an effort to protect families and prevent the spread of H1N1 influenza OYCP is cooperating with our local Bend LaPine School District Officials to provide **FREE H1N1 flu vaccinations to Cadets in our program**. These clinics are completely voluntary, and will happen **here during school hours**. We estimate that clinics will begin in November.

H1N1 flu vaccine comes in two forms: a nose spray and the shot. Both forms protect children against H1N1 flu. Some children with certain medical conditions should not receive the nose spray. These children will receive the shot form of the vaccine. **Based on your answers to the questions on the vaccination screening form, the nurse will determine which type of vaccine your child should receive.**

If you would like your child to be vaccinated, please follow the steps below:

- **Completely fill out, sign, and date the Influenza Vaccination Screening Form. Your signature gives consent for your child to receive the H1N1 vaccine at OYCP.**
- **Return completed screening form to OYCP at the address listed above on this letter RIGHT AWAY (within 24 hours of receipt of this letter).**

CADETS WITH INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE VACCINATED!

Returning the screening forms now will help us to determine how much vaccine will be needed at OYCP.

Health officials believe that the more students who get vaccinated for H1N1, the better chance we have of keeping the virus from moving from child to child in our program and spreading to your family and the community. Strongly consider protecting your Cadet by having him/her vaccinated against H1N1 influenza.

If you have any questions, please contact OYCP Medical staff, your child's doctor, or Deschutes County Health Services (541) 322-7400. For more information about H1N1 influenza please go to: www.flu.oregon.gov , www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/ , or our OYCP website at www.oycp.com . The OYCP website has the screening form and vaccination information for your reference.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Radabaugh, Director
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The program mission is to provide opportunities for personal growth, self improvement and academic achievement among Oregon high school drop outs, teens no longer attending and those failing in school, through a highly structured non-traditional environment; integrating training, mentoring and diverse educational activities.



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