

News Release

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STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WORKS WITH COUNTY SCHOOLS
CANTON, OHIO, OCTOBER 21, 2009: Stark County Health Commissioner William Franks has announced that planning has been completed with the County's school districts for school based H1N1 flu vaccination clinics. Franks said, "Children are one of the highest risks from the H1N1 flu and it is everyone's responsibility to see to it that our children are afforded the protection of flu vaccination. The best way to vaccinate the County's 62,000 school children is through school based clinics."

The County's Districts are beginning to send out letters to parents offering the H1N1 vaccine to their children at school. The health department will offer middle and high schools students the vaccination during the school day. After school clinics will be offered for the Kindergarten through sixth

Vaccine clinics in Stark County Schools

graders. Parents that wish to be with their child during the vaccination process will be able to attend the after hours elementary clinic held in each participating district.

Parents are encouraged to watch for this communication and know that they will have to return it to the school by October 27, 2009 if they want their children to get the vaccine at school. There will be no exceptions. Dates and times will be provided by each school for their clinics as vaccine becomes available. Protecting the children of this community is very important to both the Stark County Health Department and the Stark County Schools.

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