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GUTTENBERG HAS PLANS IN PLACE FOR H1N1 RESPONSE IN THE TOWN OF GUTTENBERG

As the new school year begins and the seasonal flu season loom, public health and school officials are confident they have plans in place to respond to the expected return of H1N1 influenza. " We know that 2009 H1N1 influenza was still present over the summer months," noted Vincent Rivelli. "Public health professionals and school officials have been meeting throughout the summer to strengthen their surveillance and response efforts as students and faculty return to school throughout Hudson County. This flu never really went away over the summer, which is very unusual. So, while it remains relatively mild, we know we need to watch it very closely, especially because it will overlap the regular flu season."

WHO IS GETTING 2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA?

2009 H1N1 influenza is characterized by a fever greater than 100 Degrees Fahrenheit, along with a cold or sore throat. People may also have headache, muscle aches, fatigue, chills, vomiting or diarrhea. The 2009 H1N1 influenza strain has affected children, young adults and pregnant women particularly hard. In addition, middle aged people with pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma and other respiratory conditions, diabetes, cardiovascular conditions and obesity are among the high risk populations.

SEASONAL FLU IS DIFFERENT THAN H1N1.

It is important to note that seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 influenza are different. Likewise, the vaccines for each are different as well. Getting a seasonal vaccine will not protect you against the 2009 H1N1 influenza strain, or vice versa. For this reason, public health officials

“Our school nurse will continue to work closely with the public health officials to keep a close eye on illnesses within Anna L. Klein School. We have plans in place to isolate sick students and faculty from others and will notify public health if illnesses increase dramatically,” stated Dr. Joseph Ramos, Superintendent of the School District. “We have been engaged in increased planning this summer, and feel confident we have a robust plan in place. We are working with North Hudson Community Action to finalize our vaccination clinic plans and will be sending information home with students for parents to review.”

FURTHER INFORMATION ON H1N1, PLEASE VISIT:

- 1) NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
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