

Anchorage School District is offering the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine to all students. The vaccine is not mandatory and will only be administered to students who have a permission slip signed by their parent or guardian. There is no cost for the vaccine.

The vaccine can be administered in two forms: injection or nasal spray. Information about each type of vaccine is included in this packet. The yellow pages contain information about the nasal spray vaccine; the blue pages contain information about the injection. The type of vaccine that your child receives will depend on the answers that you provide on the Consent and Screening form that is also in this packet. Please read and complete this form carefully.

Please remember the following important information.

- Your child **MUST** return a signed and completed Consent and Screening form (permission slip) to your school to receive the vaccine. **No permission slip, no vaccine.**
- This vaccine is for ASD students only and students **MUST** attend the vaccination clinics scheduled at their own school. **The vaccine will not be given to parents, siblings, or any other family members** unless they are students at the same school and have their own signed permission slip.
- For reasons of privacy and clinic efficiency, **parents may not attend the vaccination clinics.** Your children are in good hands and will be treated with the utmost care by the medical professionals administering the vaccine. Past experience has shown us that most children do better and are less emotional when receiving injections if their parents are not around.

Children nine years of age and younger need two doses of the vaccine. These doses should be received no sooner than 21 days apart. A second clinic will be held at your school for students needing a second vaccine.

Please check with your school for the date of the vaccination clinic. This date is subject to change, based on availability of the vaccine.