



**POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**Vaccine Permission Slips Middle & High Sch (V2.0)**



Hello, this is Dr. Haight with the Health Department.

Tomorrow all students at your child's school will receive a permission slip to bring home for the new H1N1 swine flu vaccine.

It is your choice if you want your child to get this protection at school. The vaccine is recommended for students.

The reason this free vaccine being offered at school is because it gives the most options for parents who want to protect their child from this infection but may not be able to get it otherwise.

{For middle school and high school students:

Both the nose spray vaccine and the flu shot will be available for 6th graders and above. The permission slip information will help you decide which is best to choose.

The nose spray is not recommended for children with asthma, pregnancy, diabetes, or immune system problems.

Both vaccines are safe to use in school.}

{For elementary school students:

The nose spray will be available for elementary age students and the permission slip information will help you decide if this is best for your child.

It is not recommended for children with asthma, pregnancy, diabetes, or immune system problems

The nose spray vaccine is safe to use in school.}

Your child's doctor can also offer advice.

Out of respect for your child's feelings, any student who is upset about getting it will not be vaccinated. Every effort will be made to let the parents or guardian know why the vaccine was not given.

If you want your child vaccinated next week, return the completed and signed form as soon as possible. Blank forms are available on the School Board web site <http://www.polk-fl.net>

The vaccine will be given by Polk County Health Department Nurses.

Teachers and school staff who are in a high priority category can receive this free vaccination during the same day the students are vaccinated as long as there is enough vaccine.

The high priority group includes teaches and school staff who are caring for an infant under the age of 6 months old or are pregnant or less than 25 years old or less than 65 years old with a chronic medical condition such as asthma, diabetes, lung disease, etc.

Thank you

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