

BOONTON

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Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you know, local towns throughout Morris County are preparing for the establishment of H1N1 vaccine clinics. Each town's local Health Department, with input from their respective school district and other agencies in the community, is determining the best strategy to employ.

Although the most recent news coverage is not making the facts overwhelmingly clear, it is important to inform you that there seems to be no rhyme or reason as to how many vaccines are being made available to towns throughout the state, nor the form of the vaccine. For example, some towns with high populations have not received any supply for their proposed clinics, while others with smaller populations have received an over abundant supply. In addition, the distribution of H1N1 injection vaccines versus nasal spray vaccines also seems to be inconsistent. The Town of Boonton has three hundred (300) nasal spray vaccines available to our school children at this time. In consultation with our district, the Local Health Department will be hosting a "closed clinic" on November 10th beginning at the close of the school day for the students at School Street School.

I have been assured by the Local Health Department that as additional doses of the vaccine arrive in Boonton, clinics will be arranged for students in the John Hill School, Boonton Middle School, and Boonton High School in the very near future. Following mandatory protocol and guidelines that have been passed on to our Local Health Department, please keep in mind that this first clinic at School Street School and those that will shortly follow at our other school locations is voluntary and is being made available to better meet the needs of our district's families.

I will continue to post updates as needed on our district's web site at www.boontonschools.org and send correspondence home when I receive more information. In closing, I would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation. I, along with the school nurses, am always available to answer questions that you may have. Please do not hesitate to call. You may also contact Carol Hudson, Registered Nurse, Boonton Health Department at 973-402-9410 x 627.

Sincerely,

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