

# BOONTON

## Public Schools

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### Office of the Superintendent

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Dear School Street School 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. As a result, we are going to be hosting a "closed clinic" on November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at the close of the school day for the students at School Street School.

Following mandatory protocol and guidelines that have been passed on to our Local Health Department, please keep in mind that this clinic is voluntary and is being made available to better meet the needs of our School Street School families. If you are interested in having your School Street School child receive the H1N1 nasal spray vaccine, please read the packet provided by the Town of Boonton Local Health Department. You will need to complete and return the consent form to Mrs. Lorber, School Street School Nurse, no later than Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will also need to be on site when your child receives the vaccine or designate another adult. Once all consent forms are received, Mrs. Lorber will set up a schedule and will distribute confirmation letters to all interested parties. All questions regarding this clinic or questions regarding H1N1 and the vaccine may be directed to Boonton's Local Health Department or Mrs. Lorber.

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. I will continue to post updates as needed on our district's web site at [www.boontonschools.org](http://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.

Sincerely,

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