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Dear Parent,

Influenza vaccines are the best way to prevent influenza infections. The vaccine to prevent pandemic (H1N1) flu infections is now available in Chicago hospitals and clinics. In the coming weeks, it will also be available in some retail pharmacies.

The following high priority groups should get the vaccine first:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers of children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency medical service personnel
- Children and young adults ages 6 months through 24 years
- Persons aged 25- 64 years who have medical conditions which put them at high risk for complications from influenza

*Students and family members who are in the priority groups should contact their health care providers to get the vaccine.*

For those that do not have a health care provider, or in the event that a provider does not have the H1N1 vaccine, the Chicago Department of Public Health will offer free H1N1 vaccines at the following clinics:

October Immunization Clinics

Saturday	October 24	9:00 AM-2:00PM
Tuesday	October 27	3:00 PM-8:00 PM
Thursday	October 29	3:00 PM-8:00 PM
Saturday	October 31	9:00 AM-2:00PM

November Immunization Clinics

Tuesday	November 3	3:00 PM-8:00 PM
Thursday	November 5	3:00 PM-8:00 PM
Saturday	November 7	9:00 AM-2:00PM
Tuesday	November 10	3:00 PM-8:00 PM
Thursday	November 12	3:00 PM-8:00 PM
Saturday	November 14	9:00 AM-2:00PM
Tuesday	November 17	3:00 PM-8:00 PM
Thursday	November 19	3:00 PM-8:00 PM

The clinics will take place each day at the following locations:

Kennedy King College	6301 S. Halsted St.
Olive Harvey College	10001 S. Woodlawn
Richard J. Daley College	7500 S. Pulaski Rd.
Truman College	1145 W. Wilson Ave.
West Side Technical Institute	2800 S. Western Ave
Wright College	4300 N. Narragansett Ave.

Families who want more information should contact 311 or go to [cityofchicago.org/swineflu](http://cityofchicago.org/swineflu).

I encourage you to get the H1N1 vaccine for your children and yourself (if you are in one of the high priority groups).

Sincerely,

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