



Public Health

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Tri-Town Boards of Health will be holding an H1N1 Vaccination Clinic for **Tri-Town Elementary School Children in PreK thru 6th Grade ONLY**. **It is important for parents/guardians to understand that this clinic is only for Tri-Town elementary school children in PreK thru 6th Grade.**

Healthy elementary aged students are at increased risk for having prolonged illness and serious complications from the H1N1 virus. The H1N1 virus is a new virus and children do not have immunity to it. The H1N1 vaccination provides immunity to children so that they will not get sick or have serious complications from the H1N1 virus and so that they will not spread the H1N1 virus to others.

Providing the H1N1 vaccination is the best way to protect your child from the effects of the H1N1 flu. The Center for Disease Control and Massachusetts Department of Public Health have made the determination that elementary aged children need to be reached with the H1N1 vaccination as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the H1N1 vaccination and your child, please call your child's primary health care provider or specialty clinic.

The H1N1 Vaccination Clinic for Tri-Town Elementary School Children aged PreK thru 6th Grade, will be held on Thursday, December 3rd, from 3pm-7pm in Coolidge Hall at the Topsfield Fair Grounds on Route 1 in Topsfield. It is important for parents/guardians to understand that this clinic is **only** for Tri-Town elementary school children in PreK thru 6th Grade.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist in a variety of roles at the clinic. There is a volunteer application on the Tri-Town School Union home page or you may email h1n1volunteers@aol.com.

******IMPORTANT******

Please visit the home page of the Tri-Town School Union web site at www.tritownschoolunion.com to review Vaccination Information Sheets about the nasal and injectable H1N1 vaccines. Please also print and complete the **H1N1 Screening Questionnaire** and **Consent Form** for each of your elementary school-aged children as well as the 2009-2010 Vaccination Administration Record. **Bring these completed forms with you to the clinic.**

Sincerely,

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