

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE H1N1 INNOCULATION

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Dear Parents of Zion Lutheran School:

Yesterday, I attended a principals' meeting at our Northern Illinois District (Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod) in Hillside to meet with representatives from the Cook County Department of Public Health regarding the H1N1 vaccinations. I need from you, the parents, some direction as to how to respond to this concern. Here's what I found out:

- 1) **The Cook County Department of Health (CCDPH) strongly recommends that parents go to their personal health provider for the H1N1 inoculations**
- 2) **The CCDPH will provide ONE dose free to children AT OUR SCHOOL on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (tentative date). This can be either the first or second dose for the younger children and the one required for older children.**
- 3) **The CCDPH will determine by a consent form whether a spray or injection will be administered.**

Here is the dilemma we are in.....January 4<sup>th</sup> (tentative date) is still during Christmas Break. That would still be ok but it would require parents to arrange to have their child brought to school and taken back home after getting the inoculation. The CCDPH would be available here at Zion for 8 hours. We do, however, also have an option to team up with a nearby sister school, St. Paul's Lutheran, Chicago Heights, and have parents go there. The date for Chicago Heights is mid-November.

My question for you is:

- 1) **Would you want to wait until January 4 (tentative date) and get your inoculations here at Zion?**
- 2) **Would you want to go to St. Paul's, Chicago Heights, in mid-November for the inoculation?**
- 3) **Would you go to your own personal health provider for the inoculation?**
- 4) **You choose not to inoculate?**
- 5) **You are uncertain?**

*You will be asked your opinion at next week's Parent/Teacher Conferences. This "polling" is for me to know how to proceed with this program. Think it over and let us know next week.*

If you have questions, please e-mail me ([drebeck@zls matteson.org](mailto:drebeck@zls matteson.org)) or call me at school. Thank you in advance.

In Christ,

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