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## **Orange County Schools Developing H1N1 Virus Vaccination Plan with Regional Health Department**

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Orange County Public Schools currently is working with the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Health Department to make vaccinations for the H1N1 virus available for all students. Vaccination clinics will be conducted by health department nurses in all Orange County schools. Parent permission will be required and vaccinations will be administered at no cost to students. Clinics are expected to be conducted in mid- to late October. Once plans are finalized and the vaccine is available, parents will be notified of the immunization program by letter and permission slips will be made available. Additional information will be posted on the school division web site.

We continue to experience increased flu-like symptoms in our schools. It is important that all students, staff members and members of our respective families remain vigilant with personal hygiene and stay home if any of us have a fever. We should remain at home until we are free of fever for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Students with fevers of 100 degrees or greater are sent home.

Further information may be obtained by visiting the Orange County Public Schools web site at <http://www.ocss-va.org> and clicking on "Information to Parents about H1N1 Virus." Oversight of Orange County's division-wide H1N1 preparation planning is being provided by Mrs. Jan Carpenter, Director of Special Education. She may be contacted at 661-4550.

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