



**ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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Dear Parents, Guardians and Employees:

An H1N1 flu vaccination clinic was held at Gordon Barbour Elementary School on November 19 with 201 students vaccinated. The clinic went very smoothly with compliments from the Health District team about Mrs. Joyce's Shoultz's, School Nurse, skillful organization. The TEAC Alternative Ed Program and Head Start Program vaccination clinic was held on November 23, 2009, where 69 vaccinations were administered.

According to a press release from the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, asthma sufferers may be more at risk of H1N1. Still, most cases (98%) are generally mild. Being "more at risk" means asthmatics are not necessarily more susceptible than anyone else, but they may potentially get sicker due to a compromised immune system. The AAAAI encourages all asthmatics to have an Asthma Action Plan from their physician which contains information about what to do for various illnesses and stages of symptoms, including what medications to take. Making certain asthmatics know how to use medications and bronchodilators, allowing for better air flow into the lungs, is crucial. If you experience asthma symptoms, you should follow your Plan and call your physician.

A change in the suggested order of schools may occur, depending on vaccine quantity and school numbers of permission slips received. The following order of schools has been suggested:

- a. Orange Elementary School
- b. Locust Grove Middle School
- c. Prospect Heights Middle School
- d. Orange County High School

**It remains very important that parents inform the school nurse and/or the school principal if their child already has received the H1N1 vaccination.** While there is no danger associated with double doses, we are advised that the administration of two doses of any flu vaccine within five days may render the second dose ineffective.

Remember to maintain plans for childcare at home if your child becomes ill or cannot go to school for a week or longer. For more information contact your health care provider or local health department (540-672-1291); visit this website: [www.vdh.virginia.gov](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov); or call 1-877-ASK-VDH3 or 1-(877) 275-8343.

As you can see on the following chart, the number of reported flu-like illnesses in Orange County Public Schools declined for the second consecutive week. The count below is approximately 50% less than last week's reported cases.

School	Total Enrollment	Total Reports of Influenza for the week ending 11-20-09
Gordon-Barbour Elem	381	1
Lightfoot Elementary	298	7
Locust Grove Elementary	653	18
Locust Grove Middle	826	0
OCHS	1,584	12
Orange Elementary	573	1
Prospect Heights Middle	498	1
Unionville Elementary	297	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,110</b>	<b>44</b>

Sincerely,



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