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Dear Parents, Guardians and Employees:

An H1N1 flu vaccination clinic was held November 24, 2009 at Orange Elementary School with 244 students vaccinated. As of this date, all elementary students have been offered the first dose of vaccine.

The order for the remainder of our vaccination clinics is as follows:

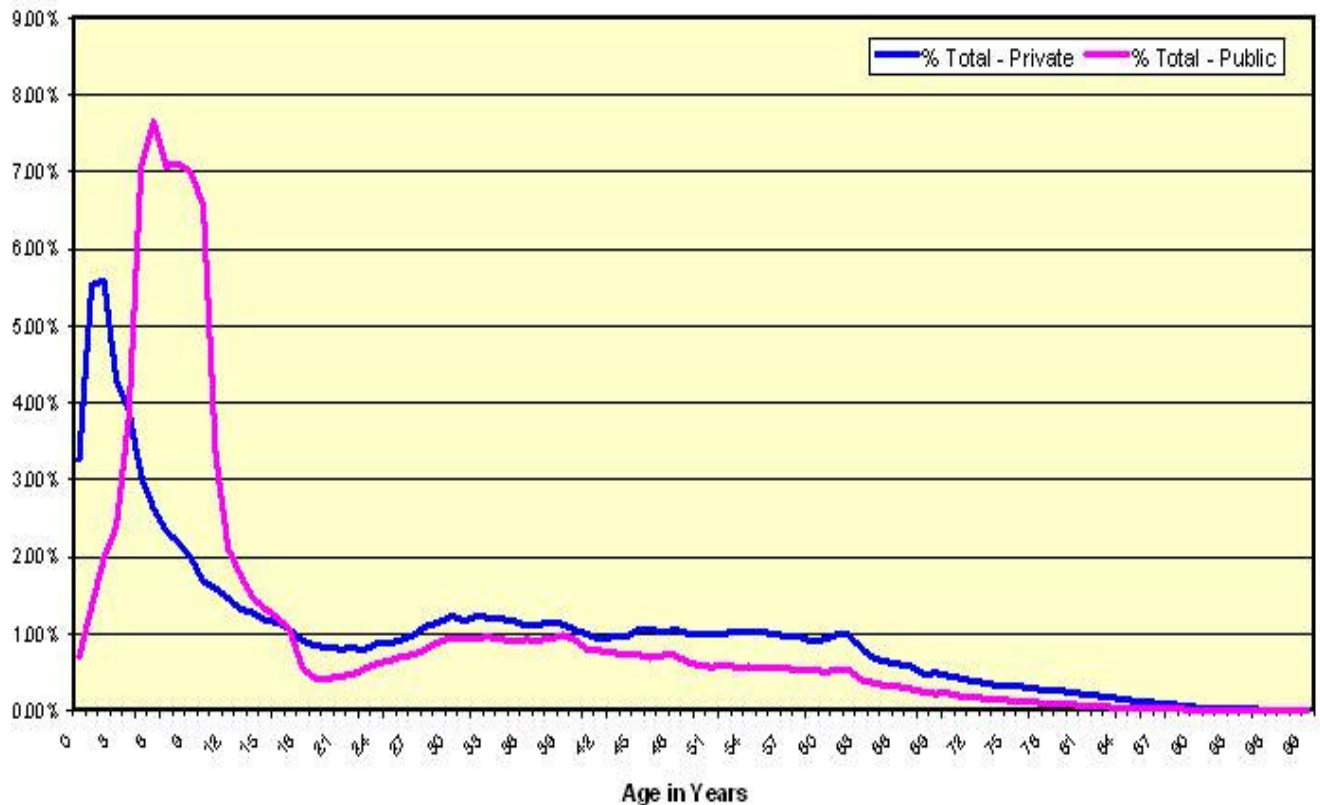
- a. Locust Grove Middle School, which was conducted today;
- b. Prospect Heights Middle School, which is scheduled for Wednesday;
- and
- c. Orange County High School, at a date that is yet to be determined.

The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health issued a letter on November 20 which shares information about a decrease in H1N1 disease. "It is important that we remain vigilant. VDH Surveillance continues to indicate an ebbing in this fall's wave of H1N1 disease activity," wrote Karen Remley, State Health Commissioner. At the same time, it is important to remember that the level of disease continues to be historically high for this time of year with widespread disease activity.

Sadly, VDH now reports 29 deaths in our state from H1N1, with three being pediatric. Although the H1N1 disease has significantly diminished, many Virginians remain at risk for infection. Orange County Public Schools remains committed to its partnership with the health department as we do everything in our power to protect our children from the spread of the H1N1 virus.

On the next page you will see a graph that demonstrates vaccinations delivered by age and by public and private sector. Excellent work by doctors and local health departments in getting our children vaccinated is seen by the curves to the left.

Percent of H1N1 Vaccine Doses Administered in the Public and Private Sectors by Age, Reported as of 11/18/2009



Please remember that, to be protected, children ages 2 months thru 9 years old require a second dose of H1N1 vaccine given at 28 days or more after the first dose. It is acceptable for these doses to be different formulations, e.g., nasal mist for one dose and injectable vaccine for the other.

The next chart demonstrates how the vaccine has been allocated to date in Virginia.

VACCINATOR CATEGORY	Type	% of Total	# Allocated	# Requested
Local Health Departments distribution through appts., mass clinics, walk-ins, school based programs		44%	565,820	1,222,270
Hospital & EMS focus on direct patient care employees, EMS patients with chronic disease		16%	206,020	1,054,900
Federally Qualified Health Centers, Community Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, and Free Clinics low-income, vulnerable and uninsured		2%	23,680	132,560
Physician Practices OB/GYN, PEDS., Internists, FP and other specialties who see chronic disease		33%	421,290	1,769,770
	Pediatric	13%	169,250	545,820
	Obstetric/Gynecology	4%	46,770	76,320
	All Others	16%	205,270	1,147,630
Congregate Living Facilities universities, private schools, long term care, assisted living, correctional facilities		6%	75,070	646,860
	School & Colleges	4%	52,220	558,510
	All Others	2%	22,850	88,350
Misclassification		0%	1,900	
Total		100%	1,293,780	4,826,360

The VDH Inquiry Center remains a great resource for the public at 1-877-ASK-VDH3, answering questions weekdays during business hours.

As you can see on our chart, the number of reported flu-like illnesses in Orange County Public Schools dramatically declined for the third consecutive week. The numbers below reflect two days of school, i.e., November 23 & 24, 2009, for the week ending November 27.

School	Total Enrollment	Total Reports of Influenza for the week ending 11-27-09
Gordon-Barbour Elem	381	0
Lightfoot Elementary	298	2
Locust Grove Elementary	653	11
Locust Grove Middle	826	0
OCHS	1,584	0
Orange Elementary	573	0
Prospect Heights Middle	498	1
Unionville Elementary	297	1
Total	5,110	15

Sincerely,



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