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We would like to provide you with an update to our October 5, 2009, letter regarding H1N1 influenza.

The West Allis Health Department has started to receive very small amounts of the H1N1 influenza vaccine and has been immunizing high-risk individuals, such as pregnant women and children who are at the greatest risk of complications from H1N1 illness. Since the H1N1 vaccine is in short supply, due to production and distribution delays, the Health Department will continue to reach out to these high-risk groups until larger quantities of vaccine arrive. When larger quantities of vaccine become available, clinics will be scheduled to offer vaccinations to the entire student body.

In the meantime, there are important steps that families can take to protect themselves from contracting H1N1 flu and to keep H1N1 flu out of our schools.

To avoid the flu, wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer; avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth (germs spread this way); and avoid close contact with sick people.

Equally important is to keep sick children at home. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that students with the following symptoms should stay home from school for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of Tylenol or Ibuprofen.

- Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Body Aches
- Headache
- Chills and Fatigue
- Vomiting and Diarrhea

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we get through this most difficult time.

Thank You,

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Superintendent

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