



WESTBROOK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On February 25, 2009, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) made policy recommendations for use of seasonal influenza vaccine for the 2009-2010 influenza season. It is now recommended that all children aged 6 months through 18 years receive vaccination against seasonal influenza. We expect that there will be an increase in the number of parents who will want to have their children vaccinated against seasonal influenza. It will be impossible for all these children to be vaccinated at their local healthcare provider offices.

In light of this new influenza recommendation, the Westbrook School Department is collaborating with the Maine Department of Education (MDOE) and the Maine Immunization Program (MIP) to offer influenza immunization clinics in your child's school. The school influenza clinics will be held during the regular school day. We will only be able to vaccinate students who attend the school. Any siblings who are not students will need to be vaccinated at their provider's office. Dates for the influenza clinics are as follows:

- September 15, 2009 – Prides Corner School
- September 16, 2009 – Congin School
- September 17, 2009 – Wescott Junior High School
- September 22, 2009 – Westbrook High School
- September 23, 2009 – Saccarappa School and Canal School.

If you are interested in your child receiving a seasonal influenza vaccine at school at no cost to your family, complete the enclosed Permission/Refusal form and return to your child's teacher or school nurse so your child can receive a seasonal influenza vaccine. Please return the form by Wednesday, September 9th. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

Sincerely,

Reza Namin, Ph.D.

Superintendent

The Westbrook School Department in collaboration with the Maine Department of Education and the Maine Immunization Program