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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Crawford County Public Health is working with your child's school to give the seasonal influenza vaccine to children at school. This vaccine will protect against all three influenza strains that are expected to circulate this year. We will hold a vaccination clinic, in October 2011. There will be no cost to you for this vaccine. Depending on whether they've gotten influenza vaccines in the past, some children younger than nine years of age will need two doses of vaccine spaced about 4 weeks apart. Routine influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged 6 months and older.

If you desire to have your child vaccinated for influenza please complete the vaccine consent form and return to school as soon as possible.

Currently Crawford County Public Health has an ample supply of Injectable Influenza Virus Vaccine (Flu Shot) and this will be used for all children. Public Health currently has a limited supply of Intranasal Influenza Virus LiveVaccine (FluMist)

If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccination clinics, please call: 326-0229 from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Please visit the CDC's influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/> and also <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/parents> for more information especially for parents. Your child's health care provider also can answer your questions about the influenza virus and will be able to give your child the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Sincerely,

Crawford County Public Health