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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may have heard, several health departments across the state are slowly receiving small shipments of the H1N1 nasal spray to help fight the virus that has caused illness ranging from mild to severe, including hospitalizations and deaths in adults and children.

We are happy to inform you that the Newton County Health Department has received the H1N1 nasal spray and began offering the nasal spray at their clinic starting Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, **at no cost to you.**

Although their primary focus with this small, initial supply is healthy children age 2 to 4 years old, the H1N1 nasal spray can be used by healthy people 2 to 49 years of age, and non-pregnant women. Persons who have been immunized with a live virus in the past 30 days can not receive the H1N1 nasal spray.

If you are interested in receiving the H1N1 nasal spray, please bring your Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance card with you, if applicable. If you are unsure if you have been immunized with a live virus in the past 30 days, please bring a copy of your shot record with you.

Quantities are limited in these first shipments of the vaccine, therefore, we encourage persons to call (770) 339-4260 or visit [www.emhd.com](http://www.emhd.com) to determine the availability of vaccine prior to arrival.

If you have any questions about the H1N1 nasal spray, please visit the CDC's 2009 H1N1 influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>, <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents>, The Department of Community Health website at <http://health.state.ga.us/h1n1flu>, or the East Metro Public Health website at [www.emhd.com](http://www.emhd.com) for information.

Your child's health care provider can also answer your questions about the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus and should be able to give your child the H1N1 nasal spray.

Sincerely,

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