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BROWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT H1N1 IN-SCHOOL VACCINATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

(FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA) – Broward County Health Department is proud to report the progress of the H1N1 In-School Vaccination Campaign. The campaign started on October 19, 2009 in Broward County Public Schools; the 6th largest school district in the United States. This effort is a partnership with the School Board of Broward County, Florida to ensure that all parents and guardians who wish to have their children vaccinated can do so. All children are in the priority groups for vaccination, identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition, Broward County Health Department started its in-school vaccination campaign in over 90 participating Broward County private and charter schools.

“We are so fortunate to be working with the School Board of Broward County, and participating private and charter schools, in this historic campaign to protect the health of Broward County children and the community at large,” said Dr. Paula Thaqi, Director of the Broward County Health Department. “This is a monumental undertaking that has required great effort and flexibility from all partners to assure success.”

As of November 19, 2009, the Campaign had achieved the following successes:

- **Broward County Health Department has vaccinated in over 70% of the Broward County Public Schools.**
- **Broward County Health Department has administered 73,936 vaccinations to children grades Pre K – 12 during the in-school vaccination campaign.**
- **Broward County Health Department has achieved a 38% percent average vaccination rate in the Broward County Public Schools.**

Broward’s Superintendent of Schools, James F. Notter said, “The H1N1 immunization program in Broward County Public Schools is progressing very smoothly. We are pleased to be partnering with the Broward County Health Department in providing the vaccine on a voluntary basis to all of our students.”

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H1N1 vaccination clinics for the general public are expected to open in Broward County starting the week of November 30, 2009 in the cities of Coral Springs, Oakland Park, Coconut Creek, Pembroke Pines and Sunrise. The Broward County Health Department's H1N1 High Risk Vaccination Clinic, located at the Fort Lauderdale National Guard Armory, 400 SW 24th Street, Fort Lauderdale 33315, remains open. The H1N1 High Risk Vaccination Clinic is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00AM to 8:00PM.

More information on H1N1 Influenza is provided at:

Broward County Health Department: www.browardchd.org – (954) 467-4705

Florida Department of Health: www.myflusafety.com

Toll free 24/7 Florida Flu Information Line: 1-877-352-3581

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: www.flu.gov

NOTE: All Broward County Health Department programs and services will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday – Thursday and Friday (November 26 and 27, 2009)

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