

November 23, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian of QMS Boarding students,

Re: H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Vaccine Immunizations

As you are aware, the H1N1 flu virus has received a lot of attention in Canada and throughout the world. At Queen Margaret's School we have both a Pandemic Plan if needed, and a Care Plan for our students in Residence. We have worked very diligently in teaching our students and staff to be pro-active in taking care of their health. This includes washing hands before and after meals, getting plenty of rest, eating healthy meals, minimizing stress by exercising and taking time to relax. Students who have shown signs of influenza-like-illness (ILI) were isolated or were required to remain in their bed where they were cared for by our school nurse and doctor. At this time we are happy to say that we do not have any students sick with ILI symptoms.

Our local Health Authority organizes vaccinations for the H1N1 virus as well as vaccinations for the regular seasonal flu. These vaccinations are now available to everyone.

If you would like your daughter to be vaccinated for H1N1 and/or the regular Seasonal Flu (two separate vaccinations), QMS requires a signed consent form faxed to our school. We need to receive the Consent Form no later than Friday, November 27th. Vaccinations will be administered at the beginning of next week. Your daughter can not receive the vaccination unless we have a signed Consent Form.

This Consent form is attached to this letter and is also on our website, www.qms.bc.ca under the Parents tab, under Health Centre [or click here](#). Please complete and sign the Consent Form, and fax it to Queen Margaret's School at 1-250-746-4187 or email your scanned form to healthcentre@qms.bc.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns please email our Health Centre at the above email address. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Celina Mason

Director of Residence and Student Support

VACCINATION CONSENT FORM

Please complete and return before Friday, November 27th.

RE: H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Vaccinations for QMS Boarding Students

The H1N1 Flu vaccine **and** the regular Seasonal Flu vaccine are available for boarding students at Queen Margaret's School. Please check below to provide your instruction for both H1N1 and the Seasonal Flu vaccinations:

H1N1 vaccine (no cost):

- Please immunize my daughter with the H1N1 Vaccine
- I DO NOT WANT my daughter immunized with the H1N1 Vaccine

Seasonal Flu vaccine (\$20.00):

(The cost of the vaccine will be charged to your school account)

- Please immunize my daughter with the Seasonal Flu Vaccine
- I DO NOT WANT my daughter immunized with the Seasonal Flu Vaccine

Please print below.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent email: _____

If we do not receive your consent for either of these vaccines we will NOT immunize your daughter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these immunizations please contact our Health Centre at ***healthcentre@qms.bc.ca***.

Fax Consent Form to:

Health Centre, Queen Margaret's School

Fax: 1-250-746-4187