

## Parents of children in grades 6 through 12:

### The H1N1 Community Vaccination Program will start soon!

The Carroll County Health Department is scheduled to receive the H1N1 flu vaccine in October and November.

#### **Why get the vaccine?**

- H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu) causes fever and respiratory illnesses in people of all ages, especially children. Children can be “spreaders” of Flu to their families and communities.
- The Center for Disease Control states that vaccinating children is one of the best ways to help protect them and their families against the H1N1 Flu.

#### **How do I get the vaccine?**

- Due to limited resources, the Carroll County Health Department is not able to administer the vaccine in middle and high schools during the student day.
- However, the licensed H1N1 vaccine will be given at locations all around Carroll County in November. Some middle and high schools will also be used as vaccine clinics during non-school hours.
- The vaccine is being offered at no charge.

#### **About the vaccine:**

- The Carroll County Health Department will provide the H1N1 injectable vaccine to all residents.
- A CDC fact sheet about the H1N1 vaccine is available to view at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-inact-h1n1.pdf>.
- In addition, you can find more information at <http://www.dhmf.maryland.gov/swineflu>.

#### **How to sign up:**

- Watch for information about the vaccine in the Carroll County Times, or go to the Carroll County Health Department website: [www.carrollhealthdepartment.dhmf.md.gov](http://www.carrollhealthdepartment.dhmf.md.gov).

For more information call the Carroll County Health Department Flu Hotline:  
410-876-3003