



Laurie Feagans, CEM, FPEM
Emergency Management Chief



Dr. Jennifer Bencie, M.D., M.S.A
Administrator, Manatee Health Department



Tim McGonegal
Superintendent

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACTS:

Dr. Jennifer Bencie, M.D., M.S.A.
Manatee County Health Department
(941) 748-0747 Ext. 1202

Michael Barber, Community and Press Relations
School District of Manatee County
(941)708-8770 Ext. 2283 .Cell (941) 705-0639

MEDIA ACCESS TO H1N1 (SWINE) FLU IMMUNIZATIONS

(Bradenton, FL- November 6, 2009) – To respect the privacy of students and parents, the Manatee County Health Department and the Manatee County School District are asking for the media’s cooperation on obtaining access to the H1N1 (swine) flu immunization process.

The first immunizations in the school district will take place today, Friday, November 6, 2009 at Anna Maria Elementary School. The immunizations will take place between 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. To allow the process to be as efficient and effective as possible, we are limiting media access to the first half hour of the clinic. Therefore we would ask any media that would like to cover today’s immunization clinic at Anna Maria Elementary to be present between 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Immunization guidelines for elementary schools require parents or guardians to be present with their child in order to receive the vaccination. We would ask all media members to work with Health Department and School District officials in obtaining permission of the parents or guardians before speaking, taking pictures of or videotaping students involved in the process.

Media access to future immunization clinics at Manatee County District Schools will need to be arranged in advance through the district’s Community and Press Relations Office. Contact information for Michael Barber of the district’s Community and Press Relations Office can be found at the top of this release.

Parents and the community are urged to monitor the media and the School District’s website for periodic updates at www.manateeschools.net.

###
