

AN UPDATE ON H1N1 PLANNING

- The Bayonne Board of Education and the Health Department of the City of Bayonne have been meeting on a regular basis planning how to deal with the H1N1 virus.
- Plans are being put in place for the inoculation of students against this virus.
- Inoculations would be voluntary and given only with signed permission slips from parents/guardians.
- An H1N1 Advisory Committee has been established within the Board of Education. This committee will work closely with our Chief Medical Officer, Dr. George Mellendick.
- Prior to the opening of school in September, a workshop was held for all custodians. At the workshop the proper method for cleaning our schools was reinforced as well as the correct products to use. The custodial staff has been instructed to be vigilant to prevent the spread of germs in our schools.
- Students have been instructed in the proper way to cough/sneeze without spreading germs among their classmates.
- Our goal is to keep our schools open should an outbreak of the virus occur. Closing will be a last resort.
- If however, one or more schools should have to close; work would be sent home with students, following the guidelines established by the State Department of Education.
- Parents/Guardians are advised to continually check the Board of Education website for the most current H1N1 information. www.bboed.org
- In addition, Dr. McGeehan will continue to update parents on H1N1 via the Global Connect.