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H1N1 (Swine) Flu Immunization Policy Statement

We at The Children's Clinic of Wyomissing are strongly recommending immunization to protect against pandemic H1N1 influenza.

All of the physicians at the The Children's Clinic of Wyomissing and our children have been vaccinated to protect against pandemic H1N1 influenza.

Background. The vaccine for novel H1N1 influenza is made using the same processes and facilities that are used to make the currently licensed seasonal influenza vaccines. It has a similar safety profile as seasonal flu vaccines which have a very good safety track record. Over the years, hundreds of millions of Americans have received seasonal flu vaccines.

The 2009 pandemic H1N1 influenza virus vaccine is different than the 1976 swine flu vaccine both in how it is made and in the actual virus itself.

On average, flu is not a mild illness. It can make you very sick and knock you out for a week. There can be serious complications requiring hospitalization and, tragically, some people will die from it.

A pandemic is an infectious disease that spreads around the world. As of early October 2009, seventy-six children in the US have died from pandemic H1N1 influenza.

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