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Re: Community Influenza Forums

(New Hanover County)— The New Hanover County Health Department continues to plan and prepare for the upcoming Influenza (flu) Season. New Hanover County Health Department and New Hanover County Schools will conduct three Community Influenza Awareness Forums, on the following dates and at the following locations to help the citizens of New Hanover County plan, prepare and stay healthy, during Influenza Season:

- Tuesday, September 15, 2009
6:00pm – 7:30pm, Eaton Elementary School, 6701 Gordon Road
- Tuesday, September 22, 2009
6:00pm – 7:30pm, Gregory School of Science, Math & Technology, 319 S. 10th Street
- Tuesday, September 29, 2009
6:00pm – 7:30pm, Anderson Elementary School. 455 Halyburton Memorial Parkway

The forums will include representatives from the New Hanover County Health Department and New Hanover County Schools. Discussion will also be held on the state and local planning and preparedness for flu season.

Organizers hope the program helps participants learn more about the effects this flu season may have on the community. Information will also be provided on vaccine availability and vaccination clinics, CDC guidance for schools and families, daycares and long term care facilities.

Parents, teachers, physicians, nurses, emergency department personnel, EMS professionals, community leaders and the general public interested in learning more about the potential for flu season and how the community should prepare to minimize the effects of influenza should attend.

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