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FREE SWINE FLU VACCINES

Last winter flu season, H1N1 or human swine flu caused much illness and sadly some deaths in our Queensland community. Over 1,200 Queenslanders were hospitalised suffering from human swine flu.

That's why the Bligh Government will provide swine flu vaccinations for every Queenslanders who wants one, free of charge, at our local High Schools before the up-coming winter flu season.

With a second wave of swine flu expected in Australia before winter, it is crucial that more people become vaccinated, especially those at higher risk and young children. Children as young as six months old can be vaccinated.

Queensland Health, with the support of the Rudd Government, is now offering free vaccinations for all Queenslanders at temporary clinics set up at our local High Schools.

Any member of the public is welcome to be vaccinated at the local clinics listed below:

- Bracken Ridge State High School - Sunday, 28 Feb 2010 (9 am to 3 pm)
- Aspley State High School - Saturday, 20 Mar 2010 (9 am to 3 pm)
- Sandgate District State High School - Saturday, 27 Mar 2010 (9 am to 3 pm)

I would appreciate any assistance your community group can lend to publicising these important clinics in our local community maximise their effectiveness.

For further information, please contact my office on 3269 7018 or visit the Queensland Health web site <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/default.asp>

Yours sincerely

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