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Since the World Health Organization signaled that a global pandemic of novel H1N1 was underway, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) began working with multiple state entities, partners and community agencies to assure that Georgia is prepared for this global influenza pandemic.

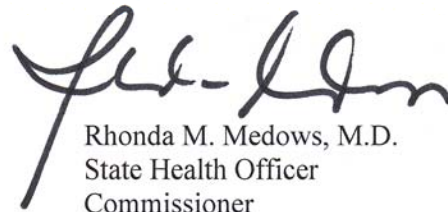
The novel H1N1 influenza campaign includes plans for mass immunization, however, the choice to receive the novel H1N1 vaccine is an individual choice. **There is no current mandate for school-aged children or any other Georgian to receive the H1N1 vaccine.**

As the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stated, the H1N1 vaccine campaign is completely voluntary. The state and county public health offices will continue to follow CDC guidance AND neither state nor local government has plans to make the H1N1 vaccine mandatory for school-aged children.

It is important that Georgians connect with a trusted and credible source of information to ensure that they are receiving the most updated and accurate information about novel H1N1. For additional information on seasonal flu and novel H1N1 please consider:

- <http://dch.georgia.gov>
- [health.state.ga.us](http://health.state.ga.us)
- [georgiahealthinfo.gov](http://georgiahealthinfo.gov)
- [cdc.gov/flu](http://cdc.gov/flu)
- [cdc.gov/h1n1flu](http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu)
- [flu.gov/seasonalflu](http://flu.gov/seasonalflu)

Sincerely,



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