

November 12, 2009

Dear Healthcare Professional Student and Parent/Guardian of a Healthcare Professional Student:

As a student enrolled in a healthcare class, you have been encouraged to receive the H1N1 vaccine by area hospitals and healthcare facilities where you may be assisting through your class. Cape County Health Department (CCHD) will be offering the H1N1 vaccine to students on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Central High School. These vaccines will be offered free of charge. You will need to have the consent form correctly filled out and your badge/school identification with you. If you are a high school student, you will need to have the consent form filled out and signed by your parent or guardian.

Upon talking with a representative from CCHD, I was asked to remind parents/students that students who have taken antiviral medications (Tamiflu) within 48 hours should report this on the consent form. Flu antiviral drugs taken from 48 hours before through 2 weeks after getting LAIV (intranasal) can lower or prevent the vaccinated person from responding to the vaccine, and the person may not get adequate immune protection from the vaccine. Antiviral drugs can be taken with the inactivated (shot) vaccine.

Career and Technology Center is scheduling classes to go to Central High School to receive these vaccines. Please follow their timelines and schedule for the clinic. If you miss this date, there will not be a make-up clinic. Students will be required to go to CCHD for the vaccine. If you have any questions, please contact me at 335-1867.

Sincerely,

Deena Ring