

November 24, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Earlier this month your child received the first dose of the H1N1 vaccine. Children under the age of 10 should receive a second dose in order to be completely protected. In accordance with this, Cape Girardeau County Health Department will be at all of the elementary schools on Tuesday, December 1st to administer the second dose. Attached you will find the consent form for your child to receive this dose. Please sign and return it to your child's building as soon as possible.

Please remember 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.

Sincerely,

Deena Ring