

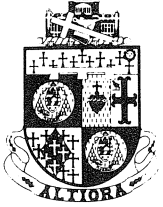
ELDER HIGH SCHOOL®

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Dear Parents/Guardians:



This is in regards to an opportunity for your son to receive a **free vaccination** for the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus at Elder. Our school nurse, Mrs. Linda Giessler, has been working with personnel in the Cincinnati Public Schools and the Cincinnati Health Department to make this a reality for our students.

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I have borrowed heavily from the CHD's letter in what follows, but have italicized so you know what pieces to attribute to them. The date for the vaccinations has not yet been determined, but the deadline for submitting the permission form is **October 7th**.

Vaccination is the best protection from this potentially serious disease. This vaccine is different from the seasonal flu vaccine. It is recommended that children and young adults from 6 months through 24 years be vaccinated against 2009 H1N1 as soon as the vaccine is available. Vaccinations will be available soon from Cincinnati Health Department.

The consent form (reverse side of the paper sheet) allows you either to accept or refuse the vaccination for your child. Only students with the completed and signed form are eligible for the vaccination. A separate consent form is required for each person being vaccinated.

Your son should return the completed vaccine consent form to his homeroom teacher by Wednesday, October 7, 2009, if you wish him to be vaccinated as part of this free program.

Elder will inform parents when the vaccination clinic will take place via the One-Call phone system. *If you change your mind about consent, call the Cincinnati Health Department School Health Office at 513-357-2815. If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccination clinics, please call: 513-357-2815. For more information on H1N1, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> or <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents>.*

Your child's health care provider can answer your questions about the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus and may be able to give your child the 2009 H1N1 vaccine and the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Of course, both Linda Giessler and we at Elder will be more than happy to field your questions also.

Sincerely,

Tom Otten
Principal

Linda Giessler
Nurse