

October 28, 2009

Camp Hill School District Regarding H1H1 Vaccine:

The Camp Hill School District has hired Care Dynamix, also known as Flu Busters, to administer the H1N1 vaccine to eligible students in the district, which includes Good Shepherd School. It is not known when the vaccine will become available, but when it does, the company will provide the shots and storage of vaccine, administer all paperwork, and be responsible for clean-up. Parents will be notified when the vaccine arrives and will be able to register their students online or by calling the company's toll-free number. The charge will be approximately \$15 per student.

Week of October 26, 2009

This week, we began to see a significant increase in the number of students absent with influenza-like illness. Additionally, a notable number of students were evaluated in the health room with fever, sore throat, and cough and were sent home. Absences continue to be significant through mid-week and an abundant number of students continue to be assessed in the health room and sent home accordingly.

Please continue to be vigilant in keeping students home from school until they have been fever-free without the aid of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours and they are feeling better.

Students are welcome to bring their own cough drops/throat lozenges to school, though a stock supply is kept in the health room. Please be advised, however, that school policy dictates that all cough drops/throat lozenges must be brought to the health room where their administration can be monitored. This policy is in effect for the safety and well-being of the student.

One last reminder...when a student returns to school following an illness, they must submit a written note from their parent/guardian on the day they return stating the dates and reason for the absences. A doctor's certificate is required when a student is absent for three or more consecutive days. If a parent/guardian encounters any difficulty obtaining a certificate from their doctor during this extra-ordinary time, I would be most appreciative of a phone call.

Thank-you for your continued support and know that everyone is working hard to insure the health and well-being of your child. If at any time you have a question or concern, please feel free to call me.

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