

November 2, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Today we are sending home an attached permission slip form that, once completed, will enable our students to be eligible to receive the H1N1 flu vaccine at our school once the city of Taunton indicates it has an available supply for distribution at Coyle and Cassidy High School.

Because of the extremely limited supply of vaccine at this time, we do not know when the vaccine will be available to our students; however in order to help facilitate planning for the vaccine distribution, we are asking parents to complete and sign the attached form by Thursday, November 5, 2009. Students are to hand the completed form into their first period teacher or study hall monitor during the next three days. Any form returned after Thursday, must be handed into the attendance office. Students who do not return a completed form with a parent signature will not be able to receive the vaccine.

In the meantime, we encourage parents to schedule H1N1 flu shots with their family physician or health care provider *in case* the requisite supply of flu vaccine does not make it to our school as quickly as we would like.

Finally, we ask that parents work with us in encouraging students to take precautionary measures (frequent washing of hands, sneezing into the shoulder, staying home when student has temperature and flu like symptoms, etc.).

We will continue to inform you about the vaccination procedures as we receive further word from Taunton officials. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul Cartier
Principal