

December 10, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, we have been investigating every avenue to provide our students with the H1N1 vaccine. We are pleased to inform you that we are working with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to offer the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine to children who attend our school and their siblings ages six months through 18 years of age. **A clinic will be held at Holy Name of Jesus School on Wednesday, December 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be no cost for this vaccine.**

It is recommended that children ages 9 and under receive a second vaccine after 28 days. If your child has already received the first vaccine, he/she may attend this clinic to receive the second vaccine if it is after the 28 day time requirement. Please know that we are planning to conduct a clinic in January for those families who will need the second dose of the vaccine.

Please read the Vaccine Information Sheet included with this letter about the disease and the vaccine. If you would like to have your child(ren) vaccinated, please do the following:

- 1. Complete the H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Consent Form(attached) starting at the top and answering the 10 numbered questions. If you need more than one consent form, you may copy the one attached or get one from the school office. Take this form to the clinic.**
- 2. As the parent/guardian, you are required to be present when you bring your child(ren) to receive the injection, complete all the paperwork and provide picture ID of yourself.**
- 3. Admission for this clinic will be through the Church lobby entrance only.**

Please note that there is certain criterion that is necessary to clear a child to receive the vaccinations. If during the registration process any of the criteria are not met, you child will not be able to receive the vaccination.

Please review all of the attached material. If you have any questions about the vaccine or vaccination clinics, please call the STMM school office at 232-3771 from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our school will need to supply three volunteers for this clinic. If you are interested in volunteering, please send me an e-mail at mrs.fennessy@stmmparish.org.

Please note that you do not need to send any of this paperwork back to our school. Just make sure to take the paperwork with you to the clinic.

Sincerely,

Jean Fennessy

Principal