



**H1N1 and Tdap Vaccinations Offered on December 16<sup>th</sup>  
At Harlan Community Schools**

November 25, 2009

Dear Parent,

The Shelby County Public Health Nursing Department at Myrtue Medical Center will be offering the Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis vaccination for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders at Harlan Community Schools this year. We will also be offering the H1N1 vaccination at the same time for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Tdap** offers protection to adolescents against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis. Beginning at age 11, adolescents should get *one* booster dose of Tdap. After one booster dose of Tdap, A Td (tetanus-diphtheria booster) is recommended every 10 years. The Vaccine Information Statement for Tdap is enclosed for your review.

**H1N1** vaccine gives protection against the new strain of influenza virus. H1N1 spreads from person to person through coughing, sneezing and through touching objects contaminated by the virus. Children under the age of ten need to receive 2 doses of the vaccine, at least 4 weeks apart to be fully protected. The Vaccine Information Statement for H1N1 is enclosed for your review.

Both vaccines will be provided at no cost for all students. No payment is due for services and the vaccine and administration is free to the student.

**Please return the enclosed information, screening, and parental consent form(s) with your student to the school nurse, Nancy Osborn, RN by Wednesday, December 2, 2009. Each vaccine requires a separate consent form.**

If you have questions please contact the Public Health Nursing Office in Harlan at 712-755-4422.

Sincerely,

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