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Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the first step in getting your child vaccinated against the H1N1 flu virus. The vaccine will not only protect the health of your child, but will help to protect the health of those in our community.

It is now time to take the second step in the vaccination process. Children younger than 10 years of age need two doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine in order to gain full immunity from the virus. Clinical trials suggest that after a single dose of vaccine, only 55-percent of children three to nine years of age developed enough immunity response to protect them fully against the H1N1 flu virus. However, after a second dose, 94-percent were protected. For those ages six months to 3 years, only 25-percent had full immunity after one dose. As you can see, making sure your child receives the second dose of the vaccine is critical in order for it to be effective in the prevention of the H1N1 flu virus. The second dose of the vaccine should be separated from the first dose by at least 28 days.

The H1N1 flu vaccine is highly effective in preventing disease. You have already taken the first step to protect your child from getting the H1N1 flu. Now is the time to complete the process by getting the second dose.

We encourage you to stop by the H1N1 Vaccination Clinic to get your vaccination. The clinic is located at 4095 E Harry. The hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 2-7pm and Friday & Saturday 8am – 2pm. If you have questions about the H1N1 Vaccine please call the Flu Hotline at 316-660-5558.

Sincerely,

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