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Dear Parent,


Flu season is here, and many of our KISD families have been affected either in their immediate or extended families. We, at Kingsville ISD, continue to be proactive in taking preventative measures to keep our children healthy and free from all types of flu. As there have been confirmed cases of H1N1 flu in Kleberg County, we work diligently to keep the community updated on the district's actions as well as to ask for parental assistance.

KISD has been authorized to become a **provider of the H1N1 Vaccine**. We are on the list from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services to receive 3000 doses of the vaccine. When KISD receives this vaccine, parents will be notified by letter, on Channel 18 from H. M. King High School, and on the KISD website. If you would like for your child to receive the vaccine, **KISD will provide the vaccine free of charge** by one of our own licensed vocational nurses and registered nurses. Participating parents will be requested to sign an informed consent with his or her telephone number. If the parent would like to be present with their child when they receive the vaccine, the nurse will contact you at least one hour before, or you can make an appointment with your school nurse for when you can be there. KISD is not liable for any adverse reactions from any vaccine. However, if your child has a reaction, we are responsible for reporting it to the state for investigation. Please let your nurse know immediately if you feel your child has had a reaction.

**In addition to normal precautions such as frequent hand washing and covering the mouth for coughs and sneezes, please be aware of the following information if your child exhibits symptoms' of illness:**

- If you notice your child is having unusual breathing patterns without having physical exertion, (rapid and shallow) please see your physician immediately.
- Your child does not have to have a fever to be sick, if they complain of body aches, coughing, nausea, vomiting, and they appear ill, seek medical attention immediately.
- Call your school nurse and let them know what is happening with your child especially if they have been diagnosed with the H1N1 flu. We are monitoring each classroom daily for sick children.
- Get your child vaccinated for the regular flu at the Texas Department of Health, located at 1414 S. Brahma Blvd. Please call 221-3307 for times when they are available. If you have a prescription for TAMIFLU and you do not have insurance or CHIPS, have your physician write "STATE STOCK" on the prescription and the TDH will give you your medicine free.
- If we can be of further assistance, please contact your campus nurse or principal. Together, we can KEEP our CHILDREN healthy and successful during this school year.

  
Respectfully,  
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