



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Charlie Crist, Governor

Frank Peterman, Jr., Secretary

October 12, 2009

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

The Department of Juvenile Justice, in partnership with the Department of Health, is ready to begin providing H1N1 ("Swine Flu") vaccinations in DJJ facilities. Enclosed is the consent form for H1N1 vaccination of your child. Your signature on the consent form is required for your child to receive the H1N1 vaccine in the DJJ facility. Also enclosed is the Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS) which provides information regarding the risks and benefits of receiving the H1N1 "Inactivated Influenza Vaccine". The H1N1 "Inactivated Influenza Vaccine" will be administered in DJJ facilities and programs. The "Inactivated Influenza Vaccine" (vaccine that has killed virus in it) is injected into the muscle, like the annual flu shot.

Please read the Vaccine Information Sheet, and sign the enclosed consent form if you give your permission for your child to receive the H1N1 vaccine. Your signature on the enclosed consent form is required for your child to receive the H1N1 vaccine in the DJJ facility. **If you give your permission for administration of the H1N1 vaccine, please sign the consent form and return it to the DJJ facility as soon as possible. No youth will be vaccinated without the consent of a parent or legal guardian.**

If you have questions regarding H1N1 influenza or the H1N1 vaccine, you can access additional information at the Department of Health's weblink at www.myflusafety.com, or contact the toll-free H1N1 Swine Flu information line at 1-877-FLA-FLU (1-877-352-3581). You may also contact the DJJ facility to discuss the facility's plan for administration of the H1N1 vaccine. The DJJ facility address, telephone number and contact person for questions regarding the H1N1 vaccine is enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Love".

Rod Love
Deputy Secretary
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

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Enclosures:

VIS for H1N1 Inactivated Influenza Vaccine
DOH Novel H1N1 Vaccine Consent Form
DJJ H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Facility Contact Information

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The mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.