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This message was displayed at the Student Health Center after H1N1 vaccines ran out Monday. The Adair County Health Department administered 300 vaccines.

**H1N1** | The Adair County runs out of H1N1 vaccines after administering doses to 300 people between the ages of 18 and 24. Administrators do not know when they will get another consignment

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upper respiratory infections have been diagnosed since the beginning of the year, compared to only 158 cases at this time in 2008.  
Nine cases of H1N1 have been reported at Truman since the beginning of the fall semester, and all of the cases have been treated.  
The health center has since stopped

sending samples from tests to the laboratory, and the health department has taken a leading role in dealing with H1N1.  
When asked whether the school could independently source doses for students to prevent an outbreak, Brenda Higgins, director of Truman's health center, said the school could obtain vaccines only through the health department.

"It is not possible to independently order it," Higgins said. "So, only if the health department would provide it to us could we give it at the health center on campus. It doesn't look like that is going to be possible."  
The Center for Disease Control (CDC) attributes the increase in reported influenza cases to a change in reporting methods, which have been broadened to cap-

ture a fuller picture of measures required to confront the pandemic.  
Andrew Kroger, head of the CDC's national immunization program, said this week that the H1N1 flu had claimed between 500 and 1,000 lives in the U.S. so far, and noted that the pandemic had a greater impact on young people and pregnant women.

**TB** | Case of TB confirmed on campus, about 165 faculty and students to get tested Tuesday

**Tuberculosis (TB)** is a disease caused by a bacteria that usually attack the lungs. If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal.

TB is spread through the air from one person to another. TB bacteria are put into the air when a person with ACTIVE TB disease of the lungs or throat:

- coughs
- sneezes
- speaks
- or sings

**NOT SPREAD BY:**

- shaking someone's hand
- sharing food or drink
- touching bed linens or toilet seats
- sharing toothbrushes
- kissing

**SYMPTOMS INCLUDE**

- a bad cough that lasts 3 weeks or longer
- pain in the chest
- coughing up blood or sputum
- weakness or fatigue
- weight loss
- no appetite
- chills
- fever
- sweating at night

**There are TWO CONDITIONS OF TB:**

- Latent TB (not contagious)
- TB Disease (may be contagious)

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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weight loss, night sweats, coughing and bloody phlegm.

There are two types of TB: active and latent. Patients with active TB have the bacteria in their lungs, display symptoms and are contagious. Patients with latent TB have the bacteria in their system, but are not visibly sick. Latent bacteria has a five to 10 percent chance of developing into active TB. Skin testing will show if the TB bacteria is present in a person's system. A chest X-ray will determine if the TB is active or latent.

"You have to be around them quite a while — it's just not passing [those infected] in the hall," McClellan said.

John Gardner, interim director of Residence Life, said that since he's been at the University, there were a few students who refused to get tested or thought they might have TB.

"Since I've been here, they ended up not being positive cases or they ended up getting the test taken care of, so I think that we have a very good system, and the health center does a great job of keeping track of students," Gardner said.

Gardner said Residence Life will follow the health center's recommendation of isolating infected students if an issue arises.

**BAN** | In a tie 7-to-7 vote with one senator abstaining, Student Senate does not pass the smoking ban

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member of Student Senate, said he mainly voted against the smoking resolution because it was based on a problem that he views as only a minor inconvenience. Heagney helped revise the current resolution to make it passable, but still didn't agree with the foundation.

"I kind of figured that [the vote] would come down to very close, or dead even, like it did," he said.

Heagney said one benefit of the resolution is that it has made smokers more aware of the respect they should show non-smokers, by realizing that their right to smoke could be taken away. He said he thought the lobbying for the passing of the resolution seemed somewhat unfair, because the non-smokers had one group fighting for the resolution to pass, while the smokers didn't have any representation working to fight against the passage of the resolution.

"I don't think CASE [Campus Community for Smoke-free Environments] is going to stop their crusade against smoking — I just don't know how much can be changed," Heagney said.

Heagney said that Interim President Darrell Krueger is in favor of the smoking resolution, and it's ultimately up to Krueger to take the issue to the Board of Governors. Simply telling people they cannot smoke won't solve the problem, but Truman will probably be a smoke-free campus in 15-20 years as the amount of smokers in the United States decreases, he said.

Brittany Camacho, with the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Specialists, said she was surprised the resolution didn't pass based on the data from the Health Opinion poll that was sent out in September, she said. "Eighty three percent of students were for 100 percent smoke-free campus," she said.

The resolution came about when TPCS realized that the Board of Governors policy didn't say anything about smoking, she said.

"We would like to go ahead and change [the policy] more to what is now taking place in the United States," she said.

Camacho said a lot of students will be disappointed by the failure of the resolution, but it's not the end of working toward a smoke-free campus.

"As far as our profession goes, we really don't think it's a matter of 'if,' it's a matter of 'when,' and we're moving towards a smoke-free society — and I think it's going to happen with or without Truman making the individual decision," Camacho said.

Even though the resolution didn't pass, TPCS will continue to advocate a smoke-free environment, and will speak to Faculty Senate and possibly the Board of Governors to advocate and educate about smoke-free policies, Camacho said. Any future policy changes should be a student run initiative, which the Senate is not necessarily needed for.

TPCS members said one reason the resolution didn't pass was due to an uneducated decision. Alumnae Nancy Johnson, who works with Camacho and TPCS, said this problem was exemplified when the Senate mentioned Faculty Senate and Staff Council already had not passed something concerning the resolution, which wasn't true.

"The resolution came out that said 20 feet, and everyone [at the forum] was like, 'I thought we voted and thought it was great, [and] came together for designated [areas],'" Johnson said. "So, [students] felt that [Student Senate] didn't even listen to them anyway."

Although the resolution did not pass, Johnson said that TPCS has accomplished the necessary task of educating students about smoking policies.

**HOME** | Series of off-campus break-ins during midterm break leaves students without computers, jewelry and gaming equipment. Sgt. Steve Farnsworth said he usually see break-ins during longer holidays and he is surprised to see so many during Midterm Break

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and not students. He said it is unusual to get cases like these in which the victims are out of town and have no idea who the perpetrator is.

Farnsworth said eight break-ins have been reported in Kirksville this month.

Many Kirksville break-ins involve cases in which people are trying to

obtain food stamps, Farnsworth said.

Other items that were stolen include a laptop, computer equipment and jewelry from the other houses. Farnsworth said police are in contact with all pawn shops in the area to get lists of purchased items. He said they are investigating the burglaries but have no suspects yet.

"It could be some of our local people, or it could be college kids knowing people [are] gone," Farnsworth said.

Robinson said he thinks the person who burgled his house was a college student because of his missing Xbox game.

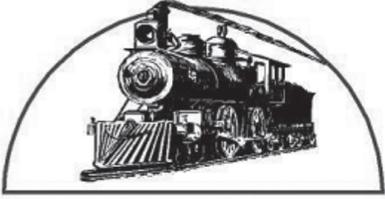
"They took my Guitar Hero, which makes me think it's college-age kids, because who would take

Guitar Hero?" Robinson said. "It's not worth anything, so it's more you're interested in it."

Their door was locked but not deadbolted because new weather-proofing added by their landlord disabled the dead bolt, Robinson said. Robinson said his house probably was targeted because the neighbor's house was empty for remodeling and

there were no cars out front. All of his neighbors are also college students.

"The thing that sucks isn't losing the stuff because it's replaceable, but it's just being in the house," Robinson said. "It's a different feeling now. You feel violated and you think about people coming in again, and you never think about that before someone actually burglarizes the house."



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