HiNi vaccine available

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Missouri Southern will have another opportunity to receive the HiNi vaccine starting Thursday at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., in the Adair County Health Department, 100 S. 2nd St., Poplar Bluff. \(10/14\).

Missouri Southern’s volleyball and soccer teams received their first dose of the HiNi vaccine, during a visit to the health department. The HiNi vaccine was first offered to athletes and children ages 9 to 29 months on Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, children under 10 could receive a vaccine. All HiNi vaccines provided by the Adair County Health Department are free to the public. Fischer said they are supposed to get another adminstration next week, but it is up to the federal government to send them more. "The government controls the only one that can purchase the HiNi vaccine," Fischer said. "This year they gave us enough to get us up to seven. There's enough there and now it's calculated to figure out (vaccine distribution)." The federal government purchased a total of 250 million doses of the 2009 HiNi vaccines, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web site. Brandom Higgins, director of the Son- gers Health Services and Services, said SNSN does not have accurate numbers of students with SNSN, since many students are not coming to the health center anymore. "We do believe that we are kind of again seeing an increase," Higgins said. "[We] are at a lower of the 10th of the semester and there was a tail — [it] quite a period when we didn't see any." She said the company for vaccine should check with their personal physician first. The said students who have risk factors, such as being health problem, should probably get the vaccine. "College students who live on campus might have a higher risk than those living off campus because of the more communal living arrangement," Higgins said. She said if students have a fever or are taking antibiotics, they will be unable to receive the vaccine. "Most of the HiNi vaccine up at Adair County is made by us for our students both the vaccine because they really don't have to," Higgins said. "They really only have to provide for permanent residents."