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## **University of Illinois Basketball Players to Receive Seasonal Flu Shot Tomorrow**

*IDPH Director, Dr. Damon T. Arnold, to Administer Shots*

Champaign, IL – Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Director, Dr. Damon T. Arnold, will host a press conference September 24, 2009 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm at the Richard T. Ubben Basketball Complex in the men's practice gym located at 1750 South Fourth Street in Champaign. Dr. Arnold is making a state-wide tour encouraging Illinoisans to get their seasonal flu shot.

The program will highlight speakers including IL Department of Public Health Director, Dr. Damon T. Arnold; University of Illinois Director of McKinley Health Center, Dr. Robert Palinkas; Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Administrator, Julie A. Pryde; University of Illinois Director of Sports Medicine, Al Martindale, and the University of Illinois Women's Basketball Coach, Jolette Law who will be addressing the importance of receiving seasonal flu shots. Several men's and women's U of I basketball players will be receiving their seasonal flu shots on-site.

According to IDPH, this fall's flu season is expected to be worse because the new H1N1 flu strain will be circulating at the same time as the seasonal flu. The single best way for a person to protect themselves and their loved ones against the flu is to get vaccinated.

Parking is located directly south of the Ubben Basketball Complex with entrance off of St. Mary's Road. Additional metered parking is available in the lot between Ubben and the Bielfeldt Athletics Administration Building.

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