

October 28, 2009

Subject: Information on Influenza Virus (H1N1)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

While it is common for children to suffer from common illnesses such as the flu or colds, at the present time, there is one suspected case of the H1N1 influenza virus in the school. The person who is affected is at home and will remain there until he/she is symptom free. You are being notified as a precautionary measure and this is not cause for alarm. It is not a reason to keep your children home from school. But we do want to notify you so that you can keep an eye on your children. If your child has a fever in addition to some or all of the following symptoms, please see a doctor:

- Cough
- Headache
- Achiness and stiffness
- Nausea and vomiting
- Difficulty breathing
- Intense fatigue
- Chest pain

We are also asking parents to please advise the school if anyone in your household is diagnosed with the H1N1 influenza virus so that we can appropriately monitor the situation for the health of our students and staff. The H1N1 flu is considered contagious and therefore, it may be necessary to have your child stay at home if your child is showing any symptoms to avoid possible spread to other students and staff. Should the situation change, we will advise you of any action the school may need to take.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. Should you require additional information or assistance on this matter, please contact the school.

Regards,

John Pevec
Principal