



HARMONY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

A number of parents have expressed concern about cases of H1N1 influenza at the school. Although we do not have any confirmed cases of H1N1, we are seeing an increase of flu like illness in our community. I am writing to inform parents we have had a number of students absent over the past few days with a variety of illnesses.

We are taking precautions to prevent the spread of all illnesses by cleaning surfaces regularly and by sending students home if they exhibit flu-like symptoms. As of today we have seen an increase in our student population absenteeism due to a variety of illnesses. In any event we will keep parents informed throughout the school year regarding any changes.

Parents are encouraged to review basic health education/personal hygiene practices with their children. We recommend reviewing the importance of covering your mouth when sneezing or coughing and regularly washing hands with soap and water. It is absolutely essential that you keep your child home if he/she is running a fever. This is true even for low grade fevers. The current guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends children not return to school until their fever is gone for 24 hours without the use of any fever reducing medication. I realize this is difficult for working parents; however following this guidance reduces the risk of spreading the flu.

You will receive updates if our situation changes. Please contact the school with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,


Jason R. Kornegay