



WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This is the fourth of four letters from me to you that have been intended to provide updates (and to serve as an ongoing dialogue between home and school) concerning the "H1N1" flu (also known as the "swine" flu).

Earlier today, I was informed by the Warren Township Health Officer, Mr. Kevin Sumner, that there are three confirmed cases of H1N1 flu in our district.

In all cases, the students involved remained out of school for the required amount of time (see below). They are now all recovered. As you have read in various media reports, H1N1 has surfaced recently in surrounding counties and towns. Importantly, its presence is not cause for panic. As shared with you previously, the following preventative measures are the most effective ways we can limit the spread of H1N1 and minimize the chances of contracting it:

1. Wash your hands often and thoroughly (for at least 20 seconds).
2. Cover coughs and sneezes in your elbow (not with your hands).
3. If sick (flu-like symptoms, especially fever), stay home for the requisite amount of time (seven days from the onset of symptoms as well as a 24 hour fever-free period). During this period, it is also highly recommended to avoid public places like shopping malls, ball fields, etc.

Please take the time to reinforce these important preventative measures with your children. We will continue to do the same here at school and will also continue to monitor any and all H1N1 developments closely and communicate any new developments to you immediately.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent