

# Community Unit School District 200

Administration & School Service Center



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Dear District 200 Families:

Due to the increased concerns in the Chicagoland area about reports of the H1N1 (Swine) flu, we would like to share some information concerning this situation as it relates to District 200.

As of this time, there has only been one reported case of the H1N1 flu in DuPage County. That case was not school related.

District 200 has an infectious disease control plan, which includes monitoring, reporting, and cleaning protocols, and is implemented in conjunction with the DuPage County Health Department, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Center for Disease Control. In the event that there is a confirmed case in one of our schools, District 200 and the DuPage County Health Department will follow the Center for Disease Control guidelines to mitigate influenza transmission in the community. As outlined in these guidelines, if a case of swine flu is linked to one of our schools, District 200 will work with local school personnel, the health department, and Regional Office of Education to determine if that particular school should be closed. Should closures occur, you will be notified. This is a good time to review your family preparedness and childcare contingency plans.

Keeping track of media coverage can be confusing and even a little scary. However, the information we are receiving from the medical experts has been clear and straightforward. Surveillance is a key factor for everyone. We are tracking cases of the flu and other illnesses with the DuPage Health Department.

Parents are asked to keep your students home from school if they have a fever greater than 100 degrees, or a sore throat, and/or a persistent cough. Please report flu-like symptoms when you call the school to excuse a sick child. Parents should contact their health care providers if their children have severe symptoms consistent with flu.

Knowledge and precautions are our best response to this situation. Because there is no vaccine available right now to protect against H1N1 influenza, it is important to emphasize the importance of everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza.

Please know that we are prepared to deal with an escalation of this situation should that occur. We have strong working relationships with area emergency and health response agencies and will take appropriate action to protect the safety of our students and staff.

Please check the District's web site at [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org) for updates or call the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7400.

Sincerely,

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