

**WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS
RELATED TO H1N1 FLU (SWINE FLU)
(Based on DPH and CDC guidelines, May 5, 2009)**

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1. The recommended course of action is to be alert to symptoms (fever, cough, sneezing, muscle aches, for example), wash hands frequently, and stay home and consult with your doctor if you are ill. Please know that in addition to the H1N1 flu, there also are cases of seasonal flu occurring.
2. The Federal Department of Health and Human Services, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the CT Department of Health have issued revised guidelines on May 5 that school closures are ***NOT*** recommended.
3. Students K-12 and staff members will be encouraged to wash their hands or use a hand sanitizer during the school day. Hand sanitizer is available in all the schools.
4. The schools will continue normal cleaning routines in the building. Please know the virus does not survive for extended periods of time on surfaces.
5. Students or staff who feel ill (flu symptoms OR any other symptoms) are strongly encouraged to stay home and consult with their doctors.
6. Because the H1N1 virus is transmitted when individuals who have the flu are exhibiting symptoms, the schools will not exclude non-symptomatic relatives, friends, or acquaintances of people who have or may have the flu.
7. Students and staff members who exhibit flu-like symptoms during the school day will be seen by the school nurse and their families will be notified.
8. If you “hear through the grapevine” that a student or staff member has flu-like symptoms, the following will be the response from the school personnel:

“The Weston Public Schools are following the guidelines established by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the national Center for Disease Control regarding confirmed or probable cases of the swine flu. Local physicians and hospitals work in conjunction with state and local health officials to make those determinations. Any findings of confirmed or probable cases as defined by the DPH or CDC will be communicated to the school district. As of (the date), there are no such reported cases in the Weston Public Schools.

Health records are protected under the HIPAA Privacy Rule and therefore, specific information concerning students and teachers will not be released. However, if any confirmed or probable cases are reported, these findings will be communicated to our families. The district will then follow state DPH and CDC recommended guidelines.”

AS OF MAY 6, 2009

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