

WCSD Takes Action

Health Offices are:

- Wiping down couches and surface areas after each patient
- Keeping the Dutchess County Board of Health notified of all counts of flu-like symptoms on a daily basis
- Sending students home who have a fever
- Tracking all illness-related absences by type
- Getting weekly health updates on a state level

Teachers are:

- Teaching students about proper hygiene
- Increasing the space between students in the classroom

Cafeteria Workers are:

- Following proper procedures for handling food, washing hands, using gloves, sanitizing equipment and surfaces

Custodians are:

- Sanitizing surface areas and frequently touched areas (i.e. light switches, keyboards, phones) daily
- Using disinfectants effective against flu germs even for standard cleaning procedures
- Making sure there is adequate soap and/or hand sanitizer in bathrooms, classrooms, and key areas (i.e. gym, cafeteria)
- Wiping down water fountains multiple times per day
- Providing hand-washing stations in all rooms without sinks.

Bus drivers are:

- Sanitizing seats and surfaces on buses daily (multiple times per day is encouraged)
- Practicing preventative measures (i.e. good personal hygiene, staying home when sick)

Administrators are:

- Communicating with county health officials
- Preparing contingency plans for maintaining educational services in the event of a pandemic

Contact Information:

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Fishkill Elementary	897-6780
Fishkill Plains Elementary	227-1770
Gayhead Elementary	227-1756
Kinry Road Elementary	463-7322
Myers Corners Elementary	298-5260
Oak Grove Elementary	298-5280
Sheafe Road Elementary	298-5290
Vassar Road Elementary	463-7860
Van Wyck Jr. High	227-1700
Wappingers Jr. High	298-5200
John Jay High School	897-6700
Orchard View Alternative HS	298-5000
Roy C. Ketcham High School	298-5100

Websites:

http://www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/communicable/influenza/h1n1/information_for_schools.htm

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1/general_info.htm

<http://www.flu.gov>

<http://usny.nysed.gov/swine-flu-info.html>

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/lhu/map.htm>

<http://www.wappingersschools.org>



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**H1N1 Intervention
and Response Plan**

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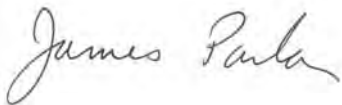
Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our district has received information from the Dutchess County Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the H1N1 flu. Our nurses have the necessary procedures in place to address the potential for pandemic flu in our area. Our custodians are sanitizing surface areas on a daily basis. We shall make every effort to respond to changing circumstances and to call upon experts to assist us as needed.

We will continue to collect information from all health agencies and disseminate it to the school community as it becomes available to us. Please check our website periodically for any new information.

Just as we will confer with health experts, we encourage families to do so as well. For more information about the flu, visit www.flu.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFO. All health decisions regarding your children, including vaccination, should be made in consultation with your family physician.

Sincerely,



James Parla
Superintendent of Schools

What can we do to help keep all children safe and minimize the risk to everyone?

1. Students and staff are strongly encouraged to stay home when sick. According to the CDC, those with flu-like symptoms should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever reducing medicines. They should stay home even if they are using antiviral drugs. Any children who become ill at school will be sent home.
2. We will make every effort to separate students and staff identified as symptomatic from others. If necessary, this might involve a separate section of a room that will be set-off as much as possible. The CDC recommends that they wear a surgical mask while waiting to go home, if possible. The district has supplied each nurse's office with masks.
3. All school bathrooms will be checked to ensure an ample supply of hand soap and water. We have also provided hand sanitizers in numerous locations in each school and we are in the process of expanding those locations. We will encourage hand washing in classrooms as much as possible using soap and water, if available, and the use of hand sanitizers under adult supervision.

4. You may send your child to school with bottled water. Please check the student handbook for guidelines regarding bottled beverages in your child's school as each level's guidelines differ.

5. All schools will practice routine and *non-routine* cleaning of classrooms and common areas. School staff will routinely clean areas that students and staff touch often with appropriate cleaners. Our transportation department also cleans the regularly-touched surfaces on the buses. Both departments use a product that is safe for the environment and also destroys a broad range of germs and viruses including H1N1 or swine flu.

6. All schools will reinforce the importance of respiratory etiquette. Students will be reminded to cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.



FLU SYMPTOMS

- Fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Headache
- Feeling very tired
- Some people may also vomit and/or have diarrhea.