



SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

School District 271
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INFORMATION ONLY

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

School District 271 understands that parents and students have many questions and concerns about Swine Flu. This is apparently a new strain of flu virus that has not been seen before. Right now there is no vaccine for this new virus and the current seasonal influenza is thought to be unlikely to provide protection against this new strain.

As you may have heard the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has identified 40 cases of swine influenza in the United States. We are encouraging everyone to keep up with current information as it does change quickly. For the most current information you may access these web sites www.cdc.gov/swineflu , www.pandemicflu.gov or www.cdaschools.org. School District 271 is working closely with Panhandle Health District. We are increasing our surveillance of school sick calls and of students visiting the health room at school. If your child is ill, you may receive calls from the school secretary or school nurse asking more specific questions about symptoms or recent travel history. This is the information that we will be looking for.

- Recent travel history (within the past 8 days) or exposure to someone who has traveled in the past 8 days, especially to anywhere in Mexico, or one of US states that has reported swine flu, Southern California, Texas, Kansas, Ohio, New York;
- High fever 100 or above
- Cough and sore throat
- Extreme fatigue

If you or your child(ren) meet the above criteria call your primary health care provider for further instructions. Also, notify your school and leave a phone number where you can be reached. Please see information on the back page for preventative measures. Rest assured that School Health Service's vigilance is high and that we are working with the health district to keep your child as safe as possible. If you have questions contact your school and they will have the school nurse contact you.

We highly encourage you to follow "Preventing the Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs", fact sheet on the back.

Sincerely,
Your School Health Services Team