

DELTON SCHOOLS KELLOGG

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Dear Delton Kellogg Students, Families and Staff:

This letter is to provide you with an update regarding H1N1 Influenza (swine flu) and the effect it may have on our schools in the upcoming school year.

The H1N1 virus has been shown to affect school-aged children disproportionately, and children are known to be highly likely to transmit flu viruses, especially in school and other group settings.

We ask that you join us in following these recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help stop the spread of germs in our schools:

HYGIENE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or use a hand gel if hand washing with soap and water is not available.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or coughing or sneezing into your sleeve if a tissue isn't available.)

ILLNESS OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

- Those with flu-like illness 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.
- Students and staff who appear to have a flu-like illness upon arrival at school, or who become sick during the school day should go home as soon as possible.

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- Will remain diligent in cleaning and disinfecting our buildings and buses.
- Will monitor the severity of the flu outbreak in our area, and will keep parents, students and staff updated on new developments.
- Will continue to develop a broader response to an anticipated heightened activity of the flu virus.
- Will work in cooperation with the Barry County Health Department (www.barrycountyhealth.org) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov) to help keep all of our students and staff healthy. Please visit these websites for more information on the H1N1 flu virus.

Sincerely,



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