

Bay Shore Union Free School District

Office of Health Physical Education and Athletics

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the past several weeks the media has provided updates regarding H1N1. The *Centers for Disease Control* has indicated that there is an increase in the number of individuals with this particular strain of the flu. At this time, we have two confirmed cases of students diagnosed with Influenza A, **which have not been sub-typed for H1N1**. Both students have fully recuperated and have returned to school.

In addition to posting a “health link” on the District website, which provides parents with updates, attendances and resources, the District has taken the following measures to address H1N1:

- An H1N1 parent presentation was conducted by North Shore LIJ Hospital on September 1, 2009.
- HPEA Office conducted H1N1 informational meetings to all faculty.
- HPEA Office will conduct presentations at PFA meetings as requested.
- A District H1N1 informational brochure has been distributed to staff and is available to parents online.
- The District is in the process of posting hand washing signs in all bathrooms.
- The District utilizes the *Connect Ed* message system and District website to notify parents of pertinent information regarding H1N1.
- Classrooms and hallways are cleaned on a daily basis with environmentally approved products.
- Regular cleaning of district- wide ventilation systems is conducted as required.
- The installation of hand sanitizing units was completed last year.
- Custodians use antimicrobial treatments regularly to sanitize sports equipment, mats, and locker rooms.

To reduce the risk of getting the flu and protecting others, please keep in mind the following:

- Remind children to practice good hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
 - Pay attention to the early signs and symptoms of illness.
 - Have a child care plan in the event your child becomes ill.
 - Keep your child home if he/she is ill. The child should be fever free (without the aid of fever-reducing medications) for 24 hours before returning to school.
 - Speak with your healthcare provider regarding vaccinations.
 - Contact your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns.
 - Stay informed. Updated information is available at the following websites:
 - <http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/departments/healthservices.aspx>
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/qa.htm>
 - <http://www.schoolhealthservicesny.com>
- New York State Hotline: 1-800-808-1987
Suffolk County Department of Health Services 1-631-853-3055