

ATTENTION PARENTS: H1N1 INFLUENZA A VIRUS BULLETIN

The following information is a summary of recommendations presented by the Niagara County Health Department at a conference on the H1N1 Influenza A virus. The conference was held on August 25th in Lockport New York.

The NCHD is recommending:

- School closure is not advised for a suspected or confirmed case of novel influenza A (H1N1) and, in general, is not advised unless there is a magnitude of staff or student absenteeism that interferes with the school's ability to function.
- Students, faculty and staff with influenza-like illness (fever and sore throat) should stay home and not attend school or go into the community except to seek medical care until symptoms resolve and are fever-free at least 24 hours.
- Students, faculty and staff who are still sick 7 days after they become ill should continue to stay home from school until at least 24 hours after the symptoms have resolved.
- Students, faculty and staff who appear to have an influenza-like illness at arrival, or become ill during the school day, should be isolated promptly in a room separate from the other students and staff and be sent home.
- Parents and guardians should monitor their school aged children, while faculty and staff should self-monitor every morning, for symptoms of influenza-like illness.
- Ill students should not attend alternative child care or congregate.

We will be providing hand sanitizers in our classrooms and at other key locations around our building. Our custodial staff will be following the recommended cleaning protocol. Should you have any questions please contact your building principal or school nurse.