



Dear CCS Parents,

During this time of heightened alert surrounding the Swine Flu, CCS has our students' health and safety foremost on our minds. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) states the vaccine for the H1N1 Swine flu is expected to be available in the fall. It is important to know that the traditional flu vaccine does not cover the H1N1 Swine flu. The CDC has recommended people to get their seasonal flu shot as soon as it is available, and the H1N1 Swine flu vaccine when it becomes available. If you would like more detailed information on Swine Flu, please visit any of the following sites:

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu_you.htm

http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/phs_emergency/swineflu.aspx

<http://www.butlercounty/health.org>

The school has put in place the following guidelines:

1. A box of tissues is available in each classroom.
2. Hand sanitizer is available in each classroom.
3. Hand washing signs are posted in each restroom.
4. The student body will be instructed on hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
5. The office phone used by the students will be wiped down between uses.
6. Our cleaning team has been instructed on our heightened alert and extra caution will be used in disinfecting restrooms and classrooms.
7. **If your child has flu like symptoms, please do not send them to school.** Report the absence as usual to the school. Since Butler County Health Department will be asking the school to report how many students with flu-like symptoms we have, we request that you mention on the answering machine or to the receptionist that your child has a fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue or any combination of those symptoms. If your child has flu-like symptoms, please consult the child's physician. If the physician has diagnosed swine flu, the student cannot re-enter school without a physician's note for re-entry.
8. School nurses are monitoring the attendance numbers and will keep the principals informed daily.
9. Please note during this time of heightened alert, we will be more diligent in sending students home who have flu-like symptoms. When a student arrives in the nurse's office and has flu like symptoms the student will be required to wear a mask. Also, students will not be allowed to remain in the nurse's office for any prolonged time once it is determined that the student needs to be sent home. You need to have an alternative plan in place should you the parent not be able to pick up your student. Students leaving school due to flu like symptoms will be re-checked by the nurse when the student returns to school with the note from their physician. Please be reminded that in order to return to school, the student must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.
10. Teachers have been notified that they are to send students who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms to the nurse's office, no matter what activity they are engaged in at the time.

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