

November 11, 2009

**Subject: Information on Influenza Virus (H1N1)**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

While it is common for children to suffer from common illnesses such as the flu or colds, at the present time, there are two suspected case of the H1N1 influenza virus in the school. The students affected are at home and will remain there until they are symptom free. You are being notified as a precautionary measure and this is not cause for alarm. It is not a reason to keep your children home from school. But we do want to notify you so that you can keep an eye on your children. If your child has a fever in addition to some or all of these symptoms below, you may wish to see a doctor:

- Fever
- Cough
- Headache
- Achiness and stiffness
- Nausea and vomiting
- Nasal congestion and runny nose
- Intense fatigue
- Chest pain
- Difficulty breathing

We are also asking parents to please advise the school if anyone in your household is diagnosed with the H1N1 influenza virus so that we can appropriately monitor the situation for the health of our students and staff. The H1N1 flu is considered contagious and therefore, it may be necessary to have your child stay at home if your child is showing any symptoms to avoid possible spread to other students and staff. Should the situation change, we will advise you of any action the school may need to take.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. Should you require additional information of assistance on this matter, please contact

Sincerely,

M. Palmieri  
Principal

