



*Governor Mifflin School District*

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update regarding the H1N1 virus within the Governor Mifflin School District.

We wanted to report to you that, as of this date, nine (9) confirmed cases of H1N1 have been reported to the school district's administration. Our discussions with the parents of these students reveal that all are being treated by their family physician.

We appreciate the efforts and cooperation we have received from Governor Mifflin students, staff and parents/guardians, as we continue to reinforce good hygiene practices at school. Our school nurses are working with the parents/guardians of students who are reported to be ill. Our custodial crews are taking additional steps to maintain sanitary conditions within the buildings. Likewise, we are also monitoring student and staff absenteeism due to illness. In addition, the Governor Mifflin School District has volunteered to be an H1N1 vaccination site; but, as of this writing our site has not been confirmed.

We ask that our parents/guardians help us decrease the spread of influenza by following the guidelines provided by the PA Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control.

- Stress hand washing and cough/cold etiquette;
- Keep ill students at home;
- Students with a fever of 100 degrees or more are to remain home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication;
- If your child is staying home because of illness, please call your child's school to report the absence. Please specify if your child has flu-like symptoms (cough, sore throat, etc.). If your child has a confirmed case of H1N1, please let us know.
- Students returning to school ill or with a fever will be sent home, as well as students who become ill with flu-like symptoms during the day.

We realize that these guidelines may potentially cause some parents/guardians hardship, however the H1N1 virus has been shown to affect school-age children disproportionately, and children are highly likely to transmit the flu virus.

Updates regarding the H1N1 virus will be provided on our district website, <http://www.governormifflinsd.org>. The website also contains links to other H1N1-related resources. We appreciate your ongoing support in this matter.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

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