

Preparation for H1N1 Flu

Woodlin E.S.
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What is H1N1 Flu?

- A new strand of influenza virus first detected in the U.S. in April 2009
- Was referred to as “Swine Flu” because virus genes are similar to influenza genes found in North American pigs

What does this mean for Woodlin E.S.?

We must be prepared for if and when:

- Schools remain open with high absentee rate due to H1N1
- Schools are closed for consecutive days due to H1N1

High Absentee Rate

- Daily instruction will take place as normal
- Staff and students continue to practice good hygiene practices: washing hands, hand sanitizer, covering mouth
- Staff continues to report any student who exhibits symptoms of H1N1 to health tech
- Missed student assignments need to be made available for parents

Role of Building Services

- Continue to monitor classrooms and restrooms throughout the day for soap, paper towels, and clean ups
- Wipe door handles, water fountains, and sink areas with MCPS approved cleaning solution

Schools are Closed

- Grade level assignments posted on school webpage and PTA listserv
- Staff will send student assignments and updates to parents via email
- Updates sent via Connect-Ed messages and school webpage

Role of Team Leaders

- Communicate and plan lessons with teammates for students
- Email administration and administrative secretary of plans while at home
- Reschedule or cancel field trips and/or specials events

Role of Teachers & Staff During Closure

- Plan lessons with teammates
- Keep a copy of staff and PTA directories at home
- Check Outlook at least 4 times daily: 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., & 6:00 p.m.
- Reschedule parent or IEP meetings-Case managers

Assignment Expectations

- Previously taught material or objectives
- New material or objectives
- Rubrics
- Due dates

Parent Expectations During Closure

- Check email, school/county webpages, and local news for assignments and updates
- Pick up student assignments from school office

Parent Expectations Upon Reopening

- Keep students home if they are ill or exhibit symptoms of H1N1
- Communicate with teachers about missed assignments

Reopening After School Closure

- Daily instruction will take place
- Continue to practice good hygiene habits: washing hands, covering mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Report any students who exhibit symptoms of H1N1 to health tech

Information

Montgomery County Public Schools

- <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/h1n1/index.aspx>

Center for Disease Control

- 1-866-CDC-INFO
- www.cdc.gov
- www.flu.gov