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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This letter is to inform you there is a confirmed case of the H1N1 influenza virus at Hollywood School. We are working with the Cook County Public Health Department to monitor the situation, and at this time, the school will remain open and operating normally.

It is important to note the following measures that are in place to minimize the spread of H1N1 and other flu-like illnesses in the building:

- Daily thorough cleaning of all rooms, as well as all common/shared areas, including (but not limited to) stair railings, laptops, handles on lockers, hand sanitizer pumps, gym equipment, handles on sinks and toilets, drinking fountains, computer keyboards, and door handles.
- Teachers and students have been reminded of good personal hygiene techniques, including washing their hands often (with warm soapy water or hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol base), keeping their hands away from their eyes, nose and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes with their sleeve or a tissue.
- Hand sanitizer pumps have been installed in each room and are available for students to use throughout the day.
- Signs have been hung throughout the school reminding students of proper hand-washing techniques.
- Students must use a squirt of hand sanitizer prior to entering the gym for lunch.
- Students are reminded not to share personal hygiene items; paper towels, Kleenex, etc.
- School nurse tracks number of illnesses each day and follows up with parents as needed to discuss symptoms.

In addition to the measures above, maintenance staff arrived at Hollywood to assist our custodians in cleaning of the school with hospital-grade disinfectant wipes.

The best way to reduce the spread of H1N1 or any other virus is to practice good hygiene, and we encourage you to teach your children to wash their hands often, keep their hands away from their eyes, nose and mouth, and cover coughs and sneezes with their sleeve or a tissue. For more prevention tips, visit the Illinois Department of Public Health online at http://www.idph.state.il.us/h1n1_flu/index.htm.

Please keep your child home from school if he or she shows any flu symptoms, including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills and fatigue, and contact your health care provider and the school immediately. Students who come to school with flu symptoms will be evaluated by the school nurse to determine if the child should be sent home. Students with the flu should stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

For more information about H1N1 and seasonal flu viruses, visit <http://www.isbe.net/htmls/H1N1.htm>, www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu or www.flu.gov.

Let me assure you that the health and well being of our students is my top priority, and we are doing everything possible to address the situation. Please feel free to contact Mindy Keller (485-7630) or Geana Chapp (Nurse Team Leader - 447-1106) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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