



Cold Spring Harbor Central School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter serves as an update regarding the incidence of the H1N1 influenza virus in our school community. At this time, we have been informed that there are several "probable" cases among the student body. While incidence remains below 1% for "flu-like illness", it has been reported in all of the schools.

One of the most important preventative measure that we can take as a school community is to keep students home when they are ill. The CDC continues to recommend that students should be free from fever (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.

The Suffolk County Department of Health has not scheduled H1N1 vaccination clinics as of this date; however, the vaccination may be available from your family physician. Children aged 6 months through 24 years of age are eligible to receive the H1N1 vaccination. In addition, individuals with immuno-compromised conditions such as pregnancy, diabetes and asthma are encouraged to consult with their physicians to determine the appropriate course of action.

The faculty and staff will continue to reinforce preventative measures with the students such as frequent hand-washing and cough/sneeze etiquette. Please consult the following websites for additional information regarding the H1N1 and seasonal flu: www.nyhealth.gov, www.flu.gov, <http://usny.nysed.gov/swine-flu-info.html>, www.schoolhealthservices.org.

Please be assured that we continue to follow the guidelines published by the Center for Disease Control and the Suffolk County Department of Health regarding measures that the school district can take to reduce the spread of the influenza virus.

Sincerely,

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