

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District

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Dear Families,

In an effort to keep you updated, we wish to inform you of the steps the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District has taken and will continue to take in response to documented H1N1 cases in our District.

We are working with the Chester County Department of Health and following the protocols and guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The current guidelines **do not recommend closing schools**; therefore, schools will continue to be open.

We continue to follow CDC recommendations at all schools as follows:

School dismissal is not advised for a suspected or confirmed case of influenza A (H1N1) and, in general, is not advised unless there is a magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism that interferes with the school's ability to function.

Students, faculty or staff with influenza-like illness (fever with a cough or sore throat) should stay home and not attend school, or go into the community except to seek medical care, for at least seven days even if symptoms resolve sooner.

Students, faculty and staff who are still sick seven days after they become ill should continue to stay home from school until at least 24 hours after symptoms have resolved.

Students, faculty and staff who appear to have an influenza-like illness at arrival or become ill during the day should be isolated promptly in a room separate from other students and sent home.

Parents and guardians should monitor their school-aged children, and faculty and staff should self-monitor every morning for symptoms of influenza-like illness.

Ill students should not attend alternative child care or congregate in other neighborhood and community settings outside of school.

School administrators should communicate regularly with local public health officials to obtain guidance about reporting of influenza-like illnesses in the school.

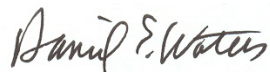
Schools can help serve as a focus for educational activities aimed at promoting ways to reduce the spread of influenza, including hand hygiene and cough etiquette.

The CDC's information on H1N1 can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm>.

In addition, District staff will continue to monitor the health and attendance of students. Staff members continue to regularly encourage handwashing and reinforce proper hygiene techniques. Parents are encouraged to review basic infection prevention measures with their child including washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when ill. The District continues to practice precautionary measures through sanitary cleaning efforts.

Communication with our families and community during this time is important. We will update the district website if new information becomes available. The welfare of members of our school community is our priority, and we will work to promote awareness surrounding this health concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel E. Waters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Daniel E. Waters
Superintendent of Schools