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Parker Dietrich, Superintendent

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H1N1 Letter to Parents

Dear Parents and Guardians

This letter is to inform you that District #21 had a student diagnosed over the long weekend with Type A influenza. That student has already fully recovered and is back in school. The Woodford County Health Department is considering anyone who tests positive for Type A influenza to be considered an H1N1 probable case. If someone has Type A influenza the health department is assuming it is H1N1 because the seasonal flu hasn't come to our area yet.

I want to encourage you as a parent and/or guardian to keep your child home if they show flu-like symptoms which are running a fever greater than 100 and have a sore throat and/or a cough. Do not give them a fever reducing medicine and send them to school. 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. Students who become sick at school will be isolated from other students immediately and be sent home as soon as a parent or guardian can pick them up.

The District is monitoring student absences and sending that information to the Woodford County Health Department. Secretaries will ask you questions when you call your child in sick to determine whether they are ill due to flu like symptoms. So far attendance at school this year has been good.

The health department is encouraging all residents to wash their hands often, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if they are sick.

More information about H1N1 is available through the Woodford County Health Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health. A good website to visit for information is www.flu.gov and there is also information about H1N1 at the District website at www.washburn.k12.il.us.

Sincerely,

Parker Dietrich, Superintendent District #21