



# WEST MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have been advised that there is a confirmed case of the H1N1 (Swine Flu) in one of our District's schools. You previously received communication regarding measures that should be taken to prevent the spreading of this flu and I ask you to review those measures. Please know that we as a school district have implemented measures to reduce the risk of it spreading as well.

Please be assured that this is a cause of concern but there is no cause for alarm. We are providing the necessary guidance to our school personnel and are working with the local health agency and pediatricians to help us remain on top of this situation. Given new information that indicates most U.S. cases are comparable in severity to seasonal influenza, the Center of Disease Control is now recommending that school closure "is not advised unless there is a magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism that interferes with the school's ability to function."

Since this is not the case, we will keep our schools open and students should attend school as long as they are not sick and do not have flu like symptoms. If, however, your child is experiencing these symptoms, it is important they remain at home and stay away from other people.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school nurse or principal.

Sincerely,

Bernice Colefield  
Superintendent of Schools

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