

November 11, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that in the past several days, sixteen students have been diagnosed with the Type A Influenza virus at Wolf Hill School and nine students at Maple Place School. The children will eventually return to school pending medical clearance and the subsequent written verification given by their respective family physicians.

In the interest of community health and safety, all students' families within the district are being notified via this correspondence. As a reminder, if your child exhibits flu-like symptoms or fever, please keep your child at home and alert the school of this specific cause of absence. In this case, a physicians' note would need to be received in order for your child to return to school. In addition, teachers are taking extra precautions to have students wash their hands often and utilize hand sanitizers, which are provided in each classroom. Additionally, students are permitted to bring a non-pump hand sanitizer with them to school for personal use.

At this time, no date has been established by the Monmouth County Board of Health for delivery of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine. Once we receive word from the Board of Health, we will immediately notify the school community via letter, website and our Code Red reverse 911 system.

Please remember that the health and safety of all students is paramount. If your child is ill, once again, please keep your child at home. Consult the H1N1 information and links located on our website for more information. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Division of Health and Senior Services, our school nurses, or me.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Orefice
Superintendent