

April 30, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that the State of New York has entered a heightened surveillance stage resulting from the presence of an H1N1 flu virus. Today, a local student has been reported with a “probable” diagnosis of this H1N1 flu virus.

In consultation with the Chautauqua County Health Department and the Chautauqua County Executive, Greg Edwards, I have decided, as a “precautionary” measure, to close the District for all school activities at the end of school today through Sunday.

We anticipate school being open Monday, May 4, 2009. However, please refer to our website and area news media for further developments.

It is important to note that ordinary seasonal flu, which has symptoms similar to swine flu, is still active in New York State. Precautionary measures for both seasonal flu and swine flu include:

- Washing your hands often with soap and warm water. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid people who are ill.
- Staying home from work or school if you are sick.
- Using tissue when you cough, sneeze or spit, and dispose of the tissue in a covered trash bin.
- Keeping hands away from your face. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cleaning shared space more often such as phone receivers, keyboards, steering wheels and office equipment.
- Refraining from sharing personal items such as forks, spoons, toothbrushes and towels.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Albert M. D’Attilio  
Superintendent

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