

June 11, 2009

Dear Parents:

Alberta Health Services has asked that we share the attached information regarding H1N1 with you.

We have also implemented the following measures to ensure our school community remains a healthy learning environment:

1. Regularly monitoring the health of our students and staff to determine if anyone is exhibiting flu-like symptoms or is feeling ill. Schools will be tracking the reasons for student and staff absences to determine if they may relate to H1N1 influenza. When calling in to report an absence due to illness, parents will be asked to let us know if your child has flu-like symptoms.
2. Should a student arrive at school with flu symptoms or develop symptoms during the school day, that student will be escorted to a nurse's room for monitoring and parents will be contacted. A sick child will not be permitted to take the bus home. A parent, or other person noted on the child's emergency contact information, will be required to pick the child up.
3. Additional caretaking staff will be working diligently over the next few days to sanitize all surfaces in the school in efforts to minimize further spread of this flu virus in our school community.

As partners in the education system, parents need to know the most important thing you can do to assist us in keeping your child's school healthy is to not send your child to school if they are ill. At this time, we have not cancelled or suspended any school activities and continue to operate as usual. Should any changes to normal school procedures be necessary, we will inform you immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (403) 272-0192.

Sincerely,

Ellen Heustis  
Principal  
Blessed Kateri School