



MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Monona Grove School District Department of Student Services

H1N1 Action Plan September 2009

When to stay home....

CDC Guidelines and Recommendations if H1N1 or Flu-like Illness Occurs

Staff	Students
<p>If staff contract the H1N1 influenza or flu-like illness, the staff member should remain home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 24 hours after they are free of fever or signs of a fever without use of fever reducing medications A fever is defined by the CDC to be a temperature of 100° or higher 	<p>If students contract the H1N1 influenza or flu-like illness, the student should remain home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 24 hours after they are free of fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever reducing medications A fever is defined by the CDC to be a temperature of 100° or higher
<p>For high risk adults employed by the MGSD (pregnant women; asthma; other chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, hepatic, hematological, neurologic, neuromuscular, or other metabolic disorders (diabetes) or immunosuppression disorders, the staff member should remain home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 3-5 days This recommendation is based on data that suggests that the fever lasts 2-4 days and the person needs to be free of fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever reducing medications for 24 hours 	<p>For high risk students attending the MGSD (children younger than 5; children and adolescents younger than 18 who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy, asthma; other chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, hepatic, hematological, neurologic, neuromuscular, or other metabolic disorders (diabetes) or immunosuppression disorders, the student should remain home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 3-5 days This recommendation is based on data that suggests that the fever lasts 2-4 days and the person needs to be free of fever or signs

<p>It is strongly recommended that high-risk adults employed by the MGSD seek medical attention and follow the treatment recommendations of their primary care physician.</p>	<p>of a fever without the use of fever reducing medications for 24 hours</p> <p>It is highly recommended that parents of children in the high-risk category seek medical attention and follow the treatment recommendations of their primary care physician.</p>
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When will school close?

At this time the Monona Grove School District does not plan to close school due to the H1N1 influenza. We will closely monitor absentee rates of both students and staff based on flu-related illnesses. However; as stated above, we do not have plans to close schools at this time unless absentee rates reach a level that is deemed necessary to cancel classes.

Will the MGSD offer flu clinics in its schools?

The Dane County Health Department is working with schools in Dane County to provide H1N1 immunizations to students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. At this time, we are in communication with the Health Department for immunizations in schools. We will notify families when immunizations will be given as soon as we are made aware of the plan from the Dane County Health Department. Vaccinations **are not mandatory** and **require written parental permission**. It offers one more option for parents to have their child/children vaccinated.

For parents of children in the high-risk category, the MGSD encourages parents to be in contact with their primary care physician and follow the preventative and treatment recommendations provided. High-risk children include the following:

- Children under five (5) years of age
- Children and adolescents under the age of 18 receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- Other chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, hepatic, hematological, neurologic, neuromuscular, or other metabolic disorders (diabetes) or immunosuppression disorders

What actions is the MGSD taking to address the H1N1 influenza?

The Monona Grove School District is taking a number of actions to prevent the spread of the H1N1 influenza. These actions are outlined below.

1. Letter sent to parents on September 2, 2009 which was also posted on the district website at www.mononagrove.org. Updates are also being posted on this website

2. Custodial Staff
 - a. Received safety training from EMC on the H1N1 virus and cleaning standards to prevent spread of virus
 - b. Additional hand sanitizers have been installed in the following locations
 - i. Winnequah Orchestra
 - ii. Glacial Drumlin Orchestra
 - iii. MGHS Orchestra
 - c. Hand sanitizers are available in all (high volume areas)
 - i. Health rooms
 - ii. Cafeterias
 - iii. Computer labs
 - iv. IMC
 - d. Disinfectant wipes are available in all buildings
3. General school health preventative functions
 - a. ABC's of Flu Prevention were sent to principals for distribution to teachers and discussion in classrooms
 - b. Cover Your Cough posters have been distributed to all buildings
 - c. MGHS students are making announcements regarding preventing the spread of the flu virus
 - d. If students are at school with flu-like symptoms and a fever of 100° or higher, a parent, guardian, or emergency contact will be contacted to pick them up. These students will be isolated from others. If they are coughing, they may also need to wear a mask until they can go home.
4. **Due to safety concerns and warning labels on disinfectant wipes that clearly state that they should be kept out of the reach of children, the MGSD does not support the use of disinfectant wipes by students to clean computer keyboards or other surfaces.**