



Coweta County School System

Coweta Committed to Student Success

Blake Bass, Superintendent

August 28, 2009

Dear Parent,

As part of our ongoing efforts to keep you informed regarding H1N1(Swine Flu) as it relates to the school system, this letter is to update you on the reports of flu-like symptoms currently evident in our school district. At this point in the school year, we are seeing a number of students with flu-like symptoms and we are receiving reports from parents that students are under physicians' care for flu. The cases that have been reported to our nurses by parents include reports of both seasonal flu and possible swine flu.

We are monitoring these reports on a daily basis and we are following the guidance of our local health care officials. We are also monitoring daily attendance rates at each school.

If your child experiences flu-like symptoms such as fever, lethargy, lack of appetite, coughing, runny nose, sore throat, nausea or diarrhea, contact your physician. In order to reduce the spread of the flu cover your nose and mouth with your sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing , wash your hands with soap often, and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Students with flu-like symptoms should not attend school until they are fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. Please communicate with the school's attendance clerk by sending a note with your child when he or she returns to school from an absence due to an illness. These absences will be excused. A doctor's note will not be necessary.

From this point forward we will notify you if we receive additional information from our health officials or if we see an abnormal increase in absences due to illnesses among our students or staff.

Sincerely,

Superintendent