



Milwaukee Public Schools

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Dear MPS Family or Staff Member,

The Milwaukee Public School District is aware of the nationwide public health concern regarding swine influenza cases. We are linked in to the Milwaukee Health Department, and will follow its guidance, and that of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Swine flu is a contagious respiratory disease found commonly in pigs; but can be spread to humans. Currently the State of Wisconsin is **NOT** reporting any confirmed cases of swine flu.

MPS wants to remind parents and staff members of the importance of prevention and how to stay safe.

What You Can Do To Prevent Transmission of Swine flu

- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer.
- If you are sick, stay home.

Symptoms of Swine flu

- Fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue.

If you or your child is showing symptoms of the swine flu please consult a physician.

MPS asks that families of students use good decision making when determining when a student should stay home from school due to an illness. The child should stay home if he/she exhibits:

- Fever (temperature 100 degrees or higher).
- Vomiting or diarrhea.
- Blistery rash.
- Heavy nasal congestion or frequent cough.

This is not a time for panic, but rather for prevention and awareness. There is information available on the Milwaukee Health Department Web site at <http://www.milwaukee.gov/health>. The Health Department also has a telephone hotline at (414) 286-3616.

Thank you for your support.

Believe it!
Achieve it!

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