



SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT AND STUDENT ADVISORY #2 UPDATED 5/8/09

Novel Influenza A H1N1 Virus

This is an updated advisory to inform parent and guardians of updated procedures the district received from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding prolonged student dismissal and other precautions for Novel Influenza A H1N1 Virus (Swine Flu).

The CDC is no longer recommending prolonged student dismissal for a single confirmed case at a school site. However, if a large increase of student and faculty absenteeism occurs, due to this illness, the district working in conjunction with the local health official may still recommend prolonged student dismissal to abate further spread.

We continue to urge people to stay calm and continue best practices in hygiene and health habits. It is important to remember to consult your doctor or clinic if you or your child has any symptoms (fever 100° or greater, sore throat, and/or cough). **If your child is sick, please do not send him/her to school for at least 7 days after the onset of symptoms or until acute symptoms have resolved (eg. no fever), which ever is longer.**

In the event that a prolonged student dismissal is required, the district would follow the procedures detailed below.

Prolonged Student Dismissal Procedures

1. The decision to close a school will be made by Superintendent Edward Valentine in conjunction with county public health officials and based on current CDC guidelines. These guidelines will be modified as necessary to reflect emerging information regarding local impact.
2. SLCUSD will make every effort to get information out to families and staff prior to start of school day. Communication options that will be activated are:
 - Auto Caller – ***Please make sure your child's school has current phone numbers.***
 - Local radio, newspaper and TV media
 - Web site links – www.slcsud.org, www.cde.ca.gov, www.cdc.gov, www.slocounty.ca.gov
3. In conjunction with school dismissal, after-school programs as well as all extracurricular activities at the designated school(s) will be canceled in an effort to reduce social gatherings outside of the school setting.
4. Schools will remain closed for a time period to be evaluated on an ongoing basis depending upon public health finding. Schools may consider reopening if no additional confirmed cases are identified among students from the specific school site for a period of approximately two weeks.
5. Parents and staff will be directed to the district web site for daily updates and notification of date for school reopening.