

Greenwood Community Schools

Greenwood Community Schools are taking necessary precautions to minimize the spread of H1N1 and other flu-like strands. We have implemented conservative guidelines in our health rooms, especially at the elementary level, and want to make you aware of those in the event you receive a call to pick up your child due to illness. Students and staff with multiple symptoms listed below will be sent home:

- Fever of 99 - 100 degrees F or above
- Fatigue / Body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat and/or cough with fever
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea

We are looking for multiple symptoms as well as an elevated temperature when sending a student home. They must be fever free, without medication or symptoms, for 48 hours or have a doctor's note before returning to school. If your child is sent home, please do not send them back to school until they are without symptoms for **48 hours** or they have a doctor's note. Your child may be sent home if he/she returns to school within 24 hours. **Do not give them medication (Tylenol/Advil) and then send them to school.** Please call your child in to the attendance office of their school and inform them why they are absent - either diagnosis by a doctor or by their symptoms. This is important information we are required to track for the Indiana State Health Department.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends several ways to prevent everyone from getting sick with the flu.

- Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners containing at least 60% alcohol are also effective.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into a sleeve or your elbow or shoulder not into your hands.
- Keep surfaces and items that are more likely to have frequent hand contact clean with cleaning agents that are usually used in these areas.

Be assured we are doing everything possible to limit exposure and spread of germs. Information changes daily so it is important to monitor the sites below as well as your school website. If you have questions please contact your child's school health aide.

For more Information:

Center for Disease Control (CDC)
1-800-232-4636
www.flu.gov

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Franklin, In 46131
736-3031
www.co.johnson.in.us/civil/healthdepartment/index.htm

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