

# *Millbrae School District Pandemic Influenza Response Plan*

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- We do not know what to expect this school year.
- We must plan for three stages of a possible outbreak of flu virus.

## *What is a Pandemic?*

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- . A virus new in humans.
  - Little or no immunity in the population.
  - Efficient person-to-person transmission.
- Involves all parts of the world.
- Occurrence outside the usual flu season.
- H1N1 meets these criteria.

## *Why Be Concerned about H1N1*

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Mortality rate not as high as seasonal flu. But, higher mortality rate for young people, In addition to infants elderly and those who are immune compromised.

## *Who is Providing Direction?*

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- San Mateo County Office of Education
- San Mateo County Director of Community Health
- CDE, (California Department of Education)
- CDC, (Center for Disease Control)
- Our plan encompasses information from all these sources.

## *Levels of Preparedness*

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- Prevention and Preparedness. Level green (now)
- Increased vigilance, begin containment. Level yellow
- High level of containment. Level orange.

## *Level 1 Actions*

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- Development of a Pandemic Response Plan document to the SMCOE. (in progress)
- Distribution of letters and brochures to parents instructing them to keep sick children home, **(24 hrs. fever free w/o fever reducing meds)**. Teach hand washing and proper sneezing and coughing techniques.
- Guidance to all staff in training children to keep hands washed and how to sneeze and cough.

## *Level 1 Actions continued*

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- Collection of data on student absences due to cold/flu symptoms at each school site. The county does not require us to ask parents if the illness is H1N1 or seasonal flu as it is very difficult to discern and the information is confidential.
- We will be sending sick children home.
- We will be isolating children with cold/flu symptoms in a designated space with masks until they are able to be picked up from school.

## *Level 1 Actions continued*

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- Creation of an section on the district website with updates for parents and a link to [flu.gov](http://flu.gov) for information about vaccination.
- Special attention to cleaning surfaces.
- Setting up auto call system for all schools.

## *Level 2 Actions (Yellow)*

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- If flu related absences at any school reach a % that the County determines further action is necessary containment will begin
- Cancellation of any activities that bring large groups together; potlucks, ice cream socials, assemblies etc.
- Moving desks further apart.
- Cancellation of some grade levels or a particular school.
- Increase cleaning of surfaces.

## *Level 3 Actions (Orange)*

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- Possible Cancellation of all District Schools.
- Implementation of alternative instruction if necessary; Online instruction, packets home etc.
- Staff remain working to provide instruction. However, staff who have sick children are encouraged to remain home with them.
- Receive direction from County as to when to re-open.
- Probable cleaning of all buildings.
- All possible means to communicate information to parents will be utilized.