

## H1N1 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**What is the District doing about N1N1?** Millbrae School District is carefully monitoring flu-related student absences when they are brought to our attention. We are sending students (and staff) home from school if they have any flu-like symptoms. Students with flu-like symptoms are given a mask to wear while waiting for parent pick-up. We have been training children to wash hands frequently and sneeze and cough appropriately.

**What is the best way to keep from spreading the virus through coughing or sneezing?** If your child is sick with flu-like illness, the Center for Disease Control recommends that the child stay home for at least 24 hours after fever is gone. Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.

**What should we do if a student's sibling or parent has a confirmed case of H1N1?**

According to the Center for Disease Control, there is no need for children to stay at home if they are not showing symptoms of flu. However, they should be closely monitored for symptoms.

**Should we close a school if there are a few cases of H1N1?** According to the Center for Disease Control, schools that have cases of H1N1 do not need to close. If the numbers should increase significantly, the San Mateo County Office of Education, relying upon directions from the San Mateo County Health System, will advise us regarding school closures.

**How will I be notified if there is a school closure?** The District will use all means of communication to notify parents and staff if there is a need to close a school. This includes phone calls, posting information on the website, and through email.

**Should staff continue to come to work if they have a student who was diagnosed with H1N1?**

Staff who have medical issues or are pregnant should consult their physicians. If staff members are not in a high risk group, they report to work as usual. Staff should monitor both themselves and their students for symptoms.

**What is the District doing about disinfecting school buildings?** The state, county and the Center for Disease Control instruct us to clean carefully surfaces such as desks, tables, door handles, etc. that may harbor the virus. There is no need for using special cleaning agents other than soap and water.