



CHESHIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents:

There are a number of confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus at all schools. School administration and school nurses are working with Chesprocott Health District staff to track the number of illnesses and those that are suspected and confirmed H1N1 flu. There are also other illnesses, such as strep throat, that are contributing to higher than normal absenteeism. Please remember that any student exhibiting flu-like symptoms, which may include fever, headache, sore throat, body aches, cough and nausea/vomiting, be kept home until these symptoms are no longer present for a 24 hour period. This means 24 hours symptom free without medication.

The CDC has stressed that "disinfecting schools" has little impact on the spread of the H1N1 virus. In spite of that, we have stressed maintenance and cleaning at each school building. The best way to impede the spread of illness is to continue to employ good hygiene. Students and staff are asked to cover coughs and sneezes with the crook of their arm and frequently wash their hands. We have also installed hand sanitizers strategically throughout each building.

Information on the H1N1 virus is available on the Cheshire Public Schools Website (www.Cheshire.k12.ct.us). Information regarding vaccination or other medical questions should be addressed to your physician.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg J. Florio".

Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Principal

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