



Medford Township Public Schools

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Medford Township Public Schools, in an effort to be proactive, has placed the district staff on alert regarding influenza activity. Notice has gone out to the district custodial staff to be especially diligent in cleaning and sanitizing each area of their responsibility, specifically lavatory facilities, desktops, phones, keyboards, water fountains, doorknobs, etc. Also, emphasis will be placed on being sure soap dispensers are continuously filled with anti-bacterial soap. However, we recognize that these increased efforts and additional measures that we are initiating during this flu season will not, in itself, prevent the flu from spreading; but feel it will certainly help in curtailing the number of staff and students it may affect.

In addition, we have asked our nursing staff at each building to be on a heightened alert of any staff member and/or student who may exhibit signs of influenza. In the case of a student, the parent/guardian will be notified immediately to take his/her child home and contact their physician.

We ask you to keep your child home if he/she is experiencing influenza symptoms and to contact your physician. Also, the State Department of Health has requested that individuals remain home for at least 24 to 48 hours after the symptoms have ended.

State Department of Health Commissioner, Heather Howard, reminds the public that there are precautions that everyone should take to reduce the chance of getting ill:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- See your physician if your illness continues.

For more information about swine flu, visit www.cdc.gov/swineflu or www.nj.gov/health.

As always, we thank each of you for your help and cooperation in maintaining a safe and healthy educational environment for our children.

Sincerely,

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and District Operations