

# West Oso Independent School District



## H1N1 INFORMATION UPDATE

September 30, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

An update on swine flu precautions, West Oso ISD, is carefully monitoring the situation with swine influenza virus. We realize that many people are worried and we hope this letter will help address your concerns.

At this time, the City-County Department of Health has advised us that students can continue to come to school, as long as they are not sick. West Oso ISD has five (5) students that have been diagnosed with Influenza Type A, which could be a form of H1N1. Two (2) of the students attend West Oso Jr. High, two (2) attend West Oso High School, and one (1) attends West Oso Elementary.

At all of our campuses, custodians are continuing to disinfect essentially everything students touch: door knobs, water fountains, desktops, and all areas of the restrooms and dressing areas. The buses are being thoroughly disinfected daily, too. Our campus nurses are on alert and have established protocols on handling suspected cases. All of our teachers and staff are emphasizing hand washing with soap and water, clearly the most effective way to stop the spread of this flu.

Please help us by asking your children to take extra precautions such as not eating or drinking after anyone else and washing their hands often. If your child shows symptoms of any type of influenza, we encourage you to: (1) have them tested at your physician's office or the local health clinic and (2) keep them at home until they are symptom free.

For their own safety and the safety of others, students should not return to school until they have been fever and symptom free for 24 hours without medication.

We are in contact with the City-County Health Department: [www.cctexas.com/](http://www.cctexas.com/), who are in close contact with the Texas Department of State Health Services and the state emergency operations center. The Texas Department of State Health Services has established a hot line for anyone who has questions about H1N1 flu, 1-888-777-5320. The CDC also keeps an updated website, <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely. We appreciate your support and understanding at this time.

Sincerely,

  
JoAnn Garcia, R.N.