



Wolf Creek Public Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Some of our schools are reporting an increase in numbers of students/staff ill with influenza-like illness (ILI). Accordingly, we have notified and are working with Alberta Health Services, Public Health to further investigate and implement measures to limit transmission of illness.

This increased illness may be due to seasonal or pandemic H1N1 influenza, or other respiratory viruses. The recommended control measures are effective for any respiratory viruses.

As recommended by Public Health, our schools are responding in the following manner:

- Promoting and reminding students and staff of basic infection control practices such as respiratory etiquette, and frequent hand cleaning.
- Notifying parents if students become ill with ILI at school. Ill students will be kept separated from others until picked up by parents.
- Advising ill staff to stay home.
- Carrying out frequent environmental cleaning including high touch surfaces.
- Monitoring student and staff absentee rates due to illness.

We ask parents to keep ill children at home until they are free of symptoms and feeling well, and are able to fully participate in all normal daily activities. Encourage and remind your children to use respiratory hygiene (i.e. cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or cough and sneeze into their sleeve, dispose used tissue and wash hands afterwards using soap and water).

Your support and cooperation are sincerely appreciated. If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call your local school or our division office. Additional information on the Wolf Creek Public Schools pandemic plan can be accessed on our website www.wolfcreek.ab.ca.

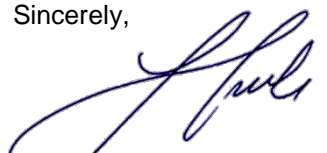
For more information on Pandemic (H1N1) 2009, including vaccination information, refer to the following websites:

<http://education.alberta.ca/>

<http://www.health.alberta.ca/>

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/>

Sincerely,



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