



NORTH ANDOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The Department of Education in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, has provided schools with information regarding the swine flu, and the protocol for school and childcare settings. At this time, schools are *not* recommended to exclude asymptomatic children who may have come back from a trip to Mexico or other locations where there are confirmed cases.

In response to the Swine Influenza, NAMS faculty reminded students of the following on Monday:

- ✓ Cover all coughs and sneezes into a tissue or the inside of your elbow, not into your bare hands.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- ✓ Wash hands frequently, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- ✓ Stay home if you are sick, especially with a fever.

Mrs. Mount, with the help of the NAMS faculty, will continue to monitor the students if they demonstrate flu symptoms.

We have been notified that The Department of Education will update information on school closures due to the Swine Influenza A (H1N1) Virus as well as the general Pandemic Flu. Additional information is posted on the DOE website: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/pandemic/>.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Mount, guidance or administration.

Respectfully,

Joan McQuade
Principal

