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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As predicted by the CDC and DPH, this week we have seen an increase in influenza-like illness in school. The number of children absent due to fevers, cough, sore throat and other flu-like symptoms is increasing daily. There have been several cases of confirmed H1N1 flu in the school population. If your child appears ill with a cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue and body aches, please check their temperature. If it is over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, they should remain home. If your child is vomiting, they should remain home. If you have any concerns about your child's symptoms, you should call your pediatrician immediately and ask if your child should be seen. Your child may return to school once they are feeling better and are fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medications such as tylenol and motrin). If vomiting, they may return once they are no longer vomiting and are tolerating a regular diet.

Thanks for your help in controlling the spread of flu and influenza-like illness. Please do not hesitate to call with any concerns or questions.

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