

April 30, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to update you on the status of our school community as we respond to the swine flu pandemic.

At this time we have no confirmed cases of swine flu in our school population. Currently, one case of flu has been reported to us. I have included information below to make sure that members of our community receive updated accurate information and know how to proceed should you or a family member become sick. The incubation period of the illness is 1-4 days. LCHS is participating with the Ingham County Health Department request to report confirmed and apparent flu cases in order to track the events throughout the county.

Please adhere to the following guidelines.

Do not send your child to school if he or she has the following symptoms.

Fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit and at least one of the following:

Sore Throat

Cough

Runny Nose or Nasal congestion

Also, please remember to contact the attendance office to report your child's absence and if they have any of the above symptoms. This information will be tabulated and sent to the Ingham County Health Department. Students should not return to school until their symptoms are gone.

The LCHS staff will be reinforcing the following precautions with our students:

Frequent hand washing, especially after you sneeze or cough & before eating

Avoid contact with ill persons

Clean shared phone receivers, keyboards, steering wheels, office equipment & door knobs

Refrain from sharing personal items, such as cups, utensils or towels

Earlier this year hand sanitizers were installed in the cafeteria, library, computer labs and weight room. Please encourage your child to use them. We will also be receiving disposable sanitizing hand wipes for our staff and students to use in the classrooms and in the cafeteria.

More information on swine flu can be found at www.cdc.gov CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) or the Ingham County Health Department.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Maloney
Principal

