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RE: H1N1 Flu and School Attendance – New CDC Guidelines

Dear Parents:

The Centers for Disease Control has issued new guidelines for school attendance when a child is ill with the flu or flu-like symptoms. You will find these new guidelines listed below. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines or the H1N1 flu, please contact your building's school nurse.

- Children who have been ill with the flu or flu-like symptoms **must stay home from school for at least 24 hours AFTER the child's fever has ended.**
- When the child's **fever is gone for 24 hours without fever reducing medication** (ibuprofen, Tylenol, etc.), the child may return to school.
- Please follow the THREE C's for Disease control:
 - **CLEAN:** Wash hands frequently to prevent the spread of germs
 - **COVER:** Cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve
 - **CONTAIN:** Students and staff **must stay home when sick**

Thank you for your assistance with this important effort. By following these guidelines, we are all doing our part to make our school and community as free from disease as possible.

Sincerely,

Jill Wojack
Director of Special Services

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