

## SNYDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS H1N1 POLICY

1. Students and employees stay home when sick. Those with flu-like symptoms and a fever equal to or greater than 100 degrees should stay at home at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever. This means not having a fever without using fever reducing medicines.
2. Students with ill household members should stay home.
3. Immediately separate ill students and staff until they can leave school.
4. Routinely clean areas that students and staff touch often. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) indicates it is NOT necessary to clean with bleach and other non-detergent based cleaners. The last staff member of the day to use a classroom should clean with a sanitizer each desktop and any areas touched frequently by students. Studies have shown that flu virus can survive on environmental surfaces and can infect a person for up to 2-8 hours after being deposited on the surface.
5. Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette should be routinely stressed to students and staff. Wash hands frequently with soap and water; cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or into a shirtsleeve or arm if no tissue is available. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can be used if soap and water are not available. Staff members should provide time for students to wash their hands whenever necessary and the schools should make tissues and hand sanitizers readily available
6. Remind students not to share anything that could facilitate transmission, such as make-up, drinks, food, school supplies, etc.
7. Increase the distance between people at school to the extent possible.
8. There are people who are more at-risk of 2009 H1N1 complications, including those who are pregnant, have asthma or diabetes, have compromised immune systems or have neuromuscular diseases, such as cerebral palsy or Down's Syndrome. Those at high risk should consult their doctor if an outbreak occurs and may want to consider staying home until it subsides.
9. There will be a designated area in each school where students are to be sent if they are displaying flu-like symptoms. This area will be separate from other students and the student will remain there until he/she can be sent home. This area will be monitored as closely as possible by a staff member. If available, the student and staff member should wear a protective mask.

This guidance policy includes suggestions from federal and state agencies and is intended as a basic plan to follow to prevent and contain the spread of illness. School administrators will monitor the reported incidences of seasonal and H1N1 flu and will update and revise the policy as needed. In the event of a widespread outbreak, school administrators will address the possibility of school closings and restrictions of extra-curricular activities.