



# DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Dear DuPage County School Community and Families:

At the DuPage County Health Department, we are continually monitoring and staying up to date with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance. Our current and future recommendations regarding school dismissal are in accordance with CDC guidance, most recently updated on May 1, 2009 at 4:35 PM ET. Our recommendations for intervention take into account these guidelines alongside local data we are gathering and analyzing from each DuPage County school.

The presence of H1N1 influenza (swine flu) is confirmed within DuPage County, and we anticipate the number of individuals getting sick with H1N1 flu will increase. However, the illness at this time is a relatively mild form that is currently responding to the antiviral medications recommended for treatment by CDC (Tamiflu® or Relenza®).

We are adopting prevention and control strategies toward reducing the health impact of H1N1 flu within our communities. We have developed a system of analysis and response based upon triggers, that when identified, will guide Health Department interventions and recommendations for school actions.

This process will continue to change as the situation evolves and more information and understanding of the disease process is revealed. Specifically, CDC has advised that additional school guidance will be provided by Friday, May 8, 2009. We will continue to work closely with school officials to protect the health of students, staff, families, and surrounding communities with ongoing evaluation and response based on each school's circumstances.

For updates, please visit the DuPage County Health Department Emergency Information webpage at [www.protectdupage.org](http://www.protectdupage.org). For general questions about swine flu, please call the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7400.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

THE DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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