



Falls City School District #57

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"Smaller class size and highly qualified, committed staff make the difference in student learning and achievement!"

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Dear Falls City School District Residents,

As you no doubt are aware the real possibility of a H₁N₁ ("swine flu") outbreak of serious proportions is upon us. Because this potential outbreak can have a real impact on our community, I am providing you with the information that we are sending to student households. Whether or not you have school age children in your home, following these guidelines can be essential to your good health, and can further protect the Falls City community from a major outbreak of the flu. In addition to these guidelines, your community school district makes the following requests:

- ✓ If you are sick or have flu like symptoms, or if you have someone in your home you are caring for who is sick with the flu, please do not attend any athletic events until the flu symptoms have subsided for 48 hours without fever reducing treatment.
- ✓ Please try to restrict your contact with school aged children or anyone who works in schools. These populations are at particular risk with the H₁N₁ virus.
- ✓ If you are in another high risk age group for either H₁N₁ or the regular flu, seriously consider getting a flu shot at any number of local dispensaries. Flu shots to prevent the regular flu are already available locally, and preventative shots for H₁N₁ are anticipated soon. Feel free to check with any of our school offices for the latest information we have available regarding these illnesses and preventative measures.

Falls City School District's goal is not to miss a single day of school as a result of closure due to an outbreak of the flu in either its students or its staff. We are taking special precautions at school to maintain a very sanitary environment for our students, staff, volunteers, and parents. When students do become sick with the flu, we will provide additional support to the home so that they do not fall behind in school. In the event of the need to close school to stem a rapid outbreak of the illness, any missed days will be made up at the end of the school year.

For current information regarding H₁N₁, additional contacts are the Polk County Public Health Department and www.flu.gov.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter M. Tarzian, Superintendent