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H1N1 Virus (Swine Flu) Parent Letter

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Elgin ISD is part of the regional health and emergency management team that is closely monitoring the H1N1 virus (Swine Flu) outbreak.

Beginning in April 2009, the State of Texas began responding to the outbreak of the H1N1 virus. When this strand was introduced there was limited knowledge of the severity which prompted the Department of State Health Services to recommend school closures in those areas believed to be affected by H1N1. With new information and research it is evident that this flu strand contains moderate symptoms that resemble those in seasonal flu and school closures will no longer serve as the preferred method of limiting transmission.

Symptoms of the H1N1 virus are similar to those of regular or seasonal flu and include fever, fatigue, lack of appetite and coughing. Some individuals with H1N1 have also reported runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Additional resources for information include:

Texas Department of State Health Services

Website: www.texasflu.org

Phone: (512) 458-7111