

**City of Milwaukee Health Department**  
**Guidance for Schools and Childcare Facilities with Confirmed,  
Probable, or Suspected Cases of Novel Influenza Type A (H1N1) Virus**

**Guidelines as of 5/5/09**

School/Childcare Facility Closure and Re-opening:

- In accordance with newly issued CDC guidance dated May 5, 2009, the MHD will not be directing additional school and child-care closures in the City of Milwaukee at this time based on identification of probable or confirmed cases of Novel Influenza A (H1N1) viral infection in students
- As of May 6, 2009, previously closed public and private schools and childcare facilities can be reopened according to the following MHD recommendations:
  1. Any student, faculty or staff in school or childcare settings with symptoms of flu – defined as two or more of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, and/or runny nose – may not attend school or childcare until at least 7 days have elapsed since symptom onset, AND until 24 hours after all symptoms have resolved, even if that takes longer than 7 days.
  2. Parents and guardians should monitor their school-aged children or childcare attendees every morning and faculty and staff should self monitor every morning for influenza-like illness.
  3. Students, faculty and staff experiencing the above-listed symptoms should stay home from school or childcare for the above listed period of time. This includes refraining from participating in extra-curricular activities including sports, other school events, or other gatherings of people.
  4. Students, faculty and staff experiencing the above-listed symptoms should not attend other alternative school or childcare settings for the above listed period of time.
  5. Faculty and staff who become ill with the above listed symptoms during the course of the school or childcare day are expected to go home as quickly as possible, and to stay home for the above listed period of time.
  6. Students who become ill with the above listed symptoms during the course of school or childcare should be promptly isolated in a room separate from others, and sent home for the above listed period of time.
  7. Ill students, faculty and staff should not be sent home by public or mass transit.
  8. All schools and childcare facilities should continue to emphasize good hand hygiene and cough etiquette including frequent hand-washing with soap and water or hand sanitizers as well as use of tissue. Soap and water or hand sanitizers must be readily available to everyone in such settings.
  9. The MHD will continue to work closely with MPS and other schools and school systems, including childcare facilities, to monitor symptoms and student absenteeism rates in the coming weeks. The MHD may invoke closure of a school or childcare setting should the magnitude of illness among students, faculty and staff warrant such action.

This information and other guidance documents can be found at [www.milwaukee.gov/health](http://www.milwaukee.gov/health)