

School Reopened - Response to Swine Flu

Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (HCPHES) has advised Klein ISD that it is no longer necessary for schools to close in response to cases of the H1N1 virus. The Klein ISD campus that has been closed, Kuehnle Elementary, can reopen effective Wednesday, May 6, 2009. This decision is guided by the recommendation of the United States Health and Human Services Secretary, Kathleen Sibelius. The H1N1 virus although widespread has been relatively mild in the United States. Klein ISD School Nurses will continue to monitor illnesses in accordance with state regulations and county public health guidelines.

Now that the CDC and the HCPHES have lifted the closure for schools there is no longer a need to restrict travel to the Houston area. Effective immediately, student travel will proceed as normal. "UIL interscholastic competitions may resume on Thursday May 7, the UIL announced Wednesday. Based on Texas Education Agency and Department of State Health Services recommendations that all schools across the state of Texas reopen, the UIL has relaxed its suspension of all interscholastic competitions, which were originally slated to resume May 11." Information regarding scheduling of UIL events will be available from campus coaches and sponsors. [UIL: Media - 2008-2009 Press Releases: UIL Interscholastic Competitions to Resume](#)

Symptoms of swine flu include:

- Fever – Temperature over 101
- Cough
- Body aches
- Runny nose
- Sore Throat
- Nausea, or Vomiting or Diarrhea

Because prevention is a key component of protecting your health, we will continue our daily efforts to stress good hand hygiene and cough etiquette. You can help in the flu prevention effort by:

- Stressing to your children the importance of frequent handwashing with soap and water or a gel based hand cleaner.
- Stress to your children the importance of keeping their hands away from their face.
- If you have a cough, you should cough into your elbow or a tissue that you throw away in the trash.
- **By recommendation of HCPHES, if you are ill with fever, cough, aches or other flu symptoms, you will be required to stay home from work or school for 7 days or until the symptoms go away, whichever is longer.**
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Children with symptoms of the flu should not take aspirin containing products because of the risk of Reyes Syndrome.

For more information about flu and school reopening contact your school nurse or visit the following websites:

[CDC H1N1 Flu | Update on School \(K – 12\) Dismissal and Childcare Facilities](#)

[Schools to Reopen HCPHES](#)