



# WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Throughout the summer concerns related to the H1N1 Flu virus (Swine Flu) have been raised throughout the country. H1N1 influenza, swine flu, is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza virus. Typically, humans are not infected with swine flu but infections can occur. Human cases typically involve people who have had direct contact with pigs, but the Center for Disease Control has established human-to-human transmission among these recent cases.

As we start the school year, we would like to pass along information related to attendance and our cleaning procedures to help ensure a safe and sanitary environment for all students, staff and our community. The DuPage County Health Department has also been helpful in providing information related to the appropriate precautionary measures as well as the treatment necessary from medical professionals.

The DuPage County Health Department has recommended that those individuals who are experiencing flulike symptoms and a fever should remain home from school and/or work. If you should experience any of the symptoms described, please notify a medical professional immediately. More information can also be found at their website [protectdupage.org](http://protectdupage.org). In addition, when you do call school to notify us your student will be absent, we will be asking you whether your student is experiencing flulike symptoms, has a fever or has seen a medical professional. Currently, the recommendation from the DuPage County Health Department and the Center For Disease Control is that persons should remain home from school for a period of one day beyond when their fever has broken.

Within our building, we are focusing on taking regular precautionary measures to prevent the spread of viruses such as H1N1. Currently, we are employing the following strategies:

- Use of special disinfectants to clean all lockers and high touch areas such as doorknobs, light switches, drinking fountains, faucet handles, and surfaces in and around toilets.
- Special attention to disinfecting all athletic facilities and equipment.
- Use of wall mounted hand sanitizers in all classrooms and distribution of Kleenex for student use in classrooms.
- Use of sanitary wipe dispensers in our fitness center, student cafeteria, and other high traffic areas to help maintain the cleanliness of our frequently used areas immediately following usage.

Willowbrook High School will continue to work closely with our school nurse and DuPage County Health Department to maintain a healthy and sanitary environment and will contact you with further information throughout the year. We are confident that these measures and continued communication with you and our community will help to minimize any cases or situations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 630-530-3439.

With Warrior Pride,

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