

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services today informed us that two cases of H1N1 swine flu have been identified in the district—one at Hamilton Middle School and one at Jordan High School.

According to health officials both students had mild illnesses, were promptly isolated, received treatments, and recovered within several days. All schools will remain open. We remind you of the importance of practicing safe and healthy behaviors:

- Stay home if you are sick or exhibit flu-like respiratory symptoms (including fever, aches, cough, and runny nose). Please communicate all absences clearly to our schools.
- Wash hands frequently and cover coughs and sneezes carefully.
- Stay at least three feet away from those who are sick.
- Remain calm at all times and help children to do the same.

Although the district will be conducting business as usual, we urge families to plan ahead in case of an emergency and make all arrangements for child care at home if it is needed. Any school closure decision would be made carefully with guidance from the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services and communicated to you immediately.

We know that this is an anxious time for our community. Please rest assured that we are taking prudent precautions to protect the well-being of all students and staff members. Families will be updated in a timely manner as new information becomes available. For other details, visit the district website at www.lbschools.net, where we have established a special page dedicated to H1N1 swine flu. If you have a specific question after reviewing this information, you may call the LBUSD flu hotline at 997-8000, ext. 7176.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Regards,



Christopher J. Steinhauser
Superintendent of Schools