

# LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This letter contains important updates on swine flu. It is part of our ongoing effort to provide the latest information so that all students and staff members can remain healthy and safe.

As of today, there are still no known cases of swine flu in our district. However, in the event that a case is confirmed, please be advised that we may need to close schools for an extended period of time. Our priority would be to limit human contact, lower the risk of illness, and contain the spread of infection.

Any decision to close schools would be made carefully with guidance from the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services and communicated to you immediately. For now, we urge families to plan ahead in case of an emergency. If a school is closed, all functions on campus, including after-school programs, would be shut down, so please make arrangements for child care at home.

We are doing everything that we can to protect our students and staff members. For example, all of our nurses have recently been trained by the Department of Health and Human Services on flu sample testing procedures. We also ask that you continue to take the following precautions:

- Keep children who are sick or exhibit flu-like respiratory symptoms (including fever, aches, cough, and runny nose) at home. Please communicate all absences clearly to our schools.
- Remind your children to wash their hands frequently and to cover their coughs and sneezes.
- Teach your children to stay at least three feet away from those who are sick.
- Remain calm and help your children to do the same.

For more information, please visit the district web site at [www.lbschools.net](http://www.lbschools.net), where we have established a special page dedicated to swine flu information.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff members. Their health and safety are our top priorities.

Regards,



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Superintendent of Schools