


**BISHOP
FEEHAN
HIGH SCHOOL**
Office of the Principal

September 1, 2009

Dear Feehan Family,

With the opening of this new school year there are concerns, and a certain amount of anxiety about the H1N1 flu virus (formerly called Swine Flu) and what will be happening at Bishop Feehan.

Rest assured that the School Nurse, and Administrators are in close contact with the Attleboro Department of Public Health and the Attleboro Public Schools to plan for this flu season and reduce the spread of H1N1 virus in our school community. I will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available to us.

Until we are directed otherwise by the DPH, Bishop Feehan will continue to do the following:

PREVENTION- This includes proper cough etiquette and hand washing techniques to stop the spread of germs. Posters that provide instruction about both of these topics will be placed in bathrooms and other strategic areas within the school. Also, alcohol-based hand sanitizer dispensers are available to students in hallways and in the Cafeteria and after school cleaning standards will be enforced.

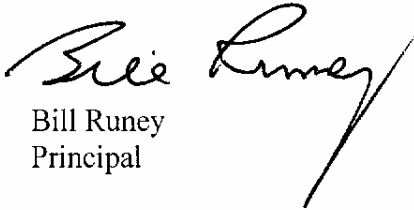
STOPPING THE SPREAD- Because the influenza virus is passed easily between people, it is important to recognize “flu-like symptoms”. These include a fever (100.4 or greater) and a cough or a sore throat. If your child exhibits both of these symptoms you are instructed to *keep your child home for 7 days after symptoms start or until your child is completely well for a full day, whichever is longer.* (There will be no exceptions.) If your child comes to school and presents to the nurse with flu-like symptoms, the child will be dismissed home. While waiting for a parent, the student will be required to wear a mask and wait in an area away from other students.

COMMUNICATION- If at any time the CDC, State or local DPH feels that there is increased severity with influenza (compared with the Spring 2009 outbreaks) and feels other steps should be taken (i.e. school closings) **OR** if a vaccine becomes available to the student population, the Administration of Bishop Feehan will comply with their recommendations, and I will communicate any updates or changes to you in the most expeditious manner.

For further information on H1N1 influenza, please visit the Bishop Feehan website (www.bishopfeehan.com) and click on *Student Life* then scroll down to *Health Office*. There you will find the H1N1 (Swine Flu) Fact Sheet along with a "Flu Symptom Check List". If you have specific questions, feel free to call Mrs. Cindy Knight the school nurse at 508.226.6223 Ext.117.

It is my sincere hope that your family does not have to face this or any other health issue this year. I look forward to an outstanding school year!

In Christ's Peace,



Bill Runey
Principal