

# GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE

*For immediate release – Greenwich, CT: Saturday, May 23, 2009*

We have been informed by the Greenwich Department of Health that in the 6th grade at Western Middle School - to date - there are an additional 10 confirmed cases of H1N1(Swine flu) bringing the ***total to 11 confirmed cases***. Dr. Betty J. Sternberg, Superintendent of Schools will be in contact with health officials throughout the weekend to receive further health updates. She advises the parents of fourth and fifth grade Glenville students, who are located at Western Middle School, to check the district website prior to sending children to school on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

The District has received a memo from the Greenwich Director of Health, Caroline Baisley, regarding interim guidance for school attendance relative to H1N1. This memo is currently posted on the district website. **All Greenwich Public School parents are urged to review the guidelines for school attendance outlined in this memo before sending children to school.**

## **REMINDER:**

Swine flu is a mild form of the flu. Its symptoms may include, a fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, and body aches just like many other illnesses.

If someone has one or even all of these symptoms, does NOT mean they have swine flu.

Only a doctor can tell you whether you have swine flu.

Like many other illness, you can help prevent spreading the germs by frequent hand washing, coughing into your arm, using tissues when you sneeze and not sharing food.

The best advice we can give all adults and children is “if you don’t feel well, you should stay home and go to your doctor. If you are feeling fine, you should come to school.”

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For more information on H1N1 flu:

- Greenwich Department of Health: [www.greenwichct.org](http://www.greenwichct.org)
- Connecticut Flu Watch: [www.ct.gov/ctfluwatch/swineflu](http://www.ct.gov/ctfluwatch/swineflu)
- Connecticut Department of Public Health: [www.ct.gov/health](http://www.ct.gov/health)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention School Guidance: [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/k12\\_dismissal.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/k12_dismissal.htm)

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