



## Fayetteville-Manlius Schools

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**Mr. Jeffrey Gordon**  
*Assistant Superintendent  
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Dear Parents,

Dr. Cynthia Morrow, Onondaga County Health Commissioner, has notified the district that a student enrolled at Mott Road Elementary has a probable case of the H1N1 virus. Dr. Morrow expects to receive final test results tomorrow.

As you are aware, the Centers for Disease Control **no longer** recommends that schools should close due to a case of the H1N1 virus. Furthermore, Dr. Morrow informed the district that the H1N1 virus is now known to be much less virulent than originally thought. Because of this information, it is the Health Commissioner's opinion that closing the school at this time is not warranted.

The **best** defense against the spread of the H1N1 flu, or any flu, is to keep your child home if he/she presents with any of the following symptoms:

- fever (over 100 degrees F.)
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose

**If your child does show evidence of these symptoms, please keep your child home from school and contact your physician.**

In addition, please take this opportunity to talk with your children about the importance of good hand washing and covering their nose and mouth while coughing or sneezing. The district has been promoting hand washing often throughout the day and has purchased hand sanitizing lotion for those areas of the school where sinks are not easily accessible. The custodial staff continues to be diligent in their cleaning and sanitizing efforts in all buildings.

We remain in daily contact with the Health Commissioner's office. We are grateful for the excellent guidance and support provided by Dr. Morrow and her staff.

Additional information regarding the swine flu can be found at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.nyhealth.gov](http://www.nyhealth.gov), [www.ongov.net](http://www.ongov.net), [www.schoolhealthservicesny.com](http://www.schoolhealthservicesny.com), or the 24 hour toll-free hotline that New Yorkers across the State can use to get answers to their questions. The hotline is **1-800-808-1987**.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Gordon  
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