

JONESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Jonesville Community Schools Parents:

I am writing this letter to let you know what we are doing to keep your students safe and healthy. We were informed yesterday that a student at Jonesville High School has been confirmed as having the H1N1 virus. This student has been out of school since last Thursday, October 1, 2009, and will return to school on Monday, October 12, 2009. It is our understanding that this student had a relatively mild reaction to the virus and did not require hospitalization.

Our district health coordinator, Tina Varney, is monitoring all students in our school system who become sick. She is also in contact with our local health department for guidance on how to deal with this situation. They are of the impression that this one case should be treated as an isolated incident not worthy of any additional actions beyond what we are currently doing.

We are currently in the process of placing hand sanitizer stations throughout the buildings especially by our technology labs and other places where students will be more apt to touch surfaces which were just touched by others. All our staff is reminding our students to wash their hands as often as possible. We are also planning in collaboration with the local health department the best and most efficient means to make sure all our students receive vaccinations once they are available.

The good news with H1N1 is that it is most contagious by human to human contact. According to the Center for Disease Control Website and the local health department, the virus can only live 2-8 hours without a human carrier. This means that as our school buildings sit empty over night and especially over the weekend, the H1N1 virus is eliminated.

As a parent, it is your right and duty to never place your child in harms way. We certainly respect your wish to keep your child home from school at any time you deem that it is not appropriate for them to be there and their absence will be excused. You can rest assured that if any further cases of this or any other issue which could cause concern arises; you will be informed as soon as possible.

Please contact the schools with any questions or comments regarding this incident or any other issues. I can be reached personally at mpotts@jonesvilleschools.org, 517-849-9075 at my office or 517-425-7578 on my mobile phone. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope you are all well and will stay that way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Mike".

Mike Potts,
Superintendent