

Notice to Parents Concerning Type A Influenza

We know that many of you may have concerns about Type A influenza spreading at school and the possibility of infecting others at home. Here is some information that may be helpful to you and answer some of the questions you have.

1. Superintendent Wayne Savoy will be sending a general message via School Messenger® telephone system to remind parents to check the www.cpsb.org website regularly for confirmed cases of Type A influenza listed by school per day.
2. Verbal updates will be announced using School Messenger® as warranted via the Risk Management Department.
3. School protocol for reporting confirmed cases of Type A influenza remains as follows:
 - a. Parent brings note of confirmation from doctor or healthcare provider.
 - b. School faxes confirmation to Risk Management Department.
 - c. Posting on www.cpsb.org website done each work day @ 1:30 p.m. The numbers posted are only for that day. To see the history of confirmations at each school, click on the blue number to the right of the school.
 - d. All reports of confirmed cases are released only through the Superintendent's Office, Risk Management or Public Information Departments, not the schools.
4. School protocol for maintaining healthy environment continues to include the following
 - a. Custodians wipe down door handles and knobs, clean restrooms including water faucets, clean water fountains and wipe down desks in classrooms at least 2-3 times per day.
 - b. Computer lab and work stations wiped down daily.
 - c. Students instructed on proper hand washing and coughing procedures.
 - d. Hand sanitizers are provided.
 - e. If your child is running a fever, please keep them home until fever free for 24 hours without medication. This will help reduce the spread of the influenza virus.
5. *Type A Influenza Quick Facts and Recommendations* document is available at www.cpsb.org as well as links to the Center for Disease Control, www.cdc.gov and www.flu.gov.