



Swine Flu Policy

- Parents should be advised to keep ill children at home and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- If a student arrives at school with influenza-like symptoms, including fever, cough, sore throat aches, headaches, chills and fatigue, they will be sent home with a note advising that the family seek medical advice from their health care provider.
- Students who appear to have a flu-like illness should be sent to the office immediately. The student's temperature will be taken and parents will be called and informed that their child must be picked up. It is recommended they wear a surgical mask, if possible, and that those who care for ill students wear protective gear, such as a mask. The teacher in the classroom should ask all students to wash their hands thoroughly and all surfaces should be wiped with sanitizer.
- In the event that a child is sent home due to flu-like symptoms, we will request that the parent keep the school informed as to the outcome of the illness so that we may notify the THS community if the child has indeed contracted the Swine Flu.
- If a child at THS develops Swine Flu, an email will go out to all families immediately. A letter will follow informing parents of the unfortunate development and will recommend a watchful eye on all students. A visit to the doctor's office may be necessary if symptoms arise.
- Individuals can return to school and normal activities 7 days after onset of flu-like symptoms and must be free of fever for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Students are reminded to:
 - Cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, throwing the tissue in the trash after use.
 - Wash hands often with soap and water especially after coughing or sneezing
 - Use a hand sanitizer, which is also effective. Infected people can start spreading flu germs up to a day before symptoms start, and for up to seven days after getting sick.
 - Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- School staff should routinely clean areas that students and staff touch using a sanitizer.
- The Healdsburg School will honor the privacy of all of our families and keep the names of all persons who have contracted the Swine Flu confidential.