



Dear Parents,

In recognition of the threat of an outbreak of the H1N1 virus and other influenza which may occur during the school year, Citrus Park Christian School has put in place an influenza policy and procedure. If your child has flu like symptoms, we cannot stress how important it is to keep them home from school. Please be assured, we are taking every precaution to eliminate the spread of germs and to be alert for the signs of flu in our students. Please read carefully the information below.

Procedure and Response for an Outbreak of the H1N1 Virus at Citrus Park Christian School.

Citrus Park Christian School has taken the following steps as its best course of action to help decrease the spread of influenza.

In cases of no outbreak or mild outbreak of influenza:

1. Teachers will instruct students in proper hand washing and ensure they are washing hands frequently.
2. Teachers will instruct children to use tissues when coughing or sneezing and to dispose of them properly.
3. Teachers will instruct students to cough or sneeze into an object such as an elbow rather than into the air to further prevent the spread of germs.
4. Desks, doorknobs, and other common use items in classrooms will be cleaned daily.
5. Common areas at school (doors, water fountains, bathrooms, etc.) will be cleaned and sanitized each day after school.
6. Students who appear to have flu-like illness will be sent to the main school office in the elementary building, separate from others and a parent called to pick them up and take them home. Students with a fever will not be sent back to class. Teachers will pack up their backpack and send it to the office.
7. Students with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines. They should stay home even if they are using antiviral drugs.

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In cases of increased outbreak of influenza:

1. Teachers will be alert to monitor students for fever and other symptoms of flu when they arrive at school and throughout the school day.
2. Students who appear ill, or have a fever will be sent to the main school office in the elementary building and a parent called to take them home. Students with a fever will not be sent back to class. Teachers will pack up their backpack and send it to the office.
3. Students with influenza should stay home for at least 7 days, even if they have no more symptoms. If they are still sick, they should stay home until 24 hours after they have no symptoms.
4. Students with ill household members should stay home for 5 days from the day the first member got sick. This is the time period they are most likely to get sick themselves.
5. Desks may be placed farther apart in classrooms and classes that bring multiple grades together such as P.E. or chorus may be canceled for a time.
6. Depending on the severity and extent of an outbreak, school may be dismissed for five to seven calendar days.

Citrus Park Christian School will continue to monitor the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and recommended courses of action for the prevention and response to any and all varieties of influenza.

In addition to these precautions, the health department will be providing H1N1 flu vaccinations (nasal solution) at no charge to students of CPCS. More information on a date and time for the vaccination program will be sent home when it becomes available.

CPCS Administration