



August 27, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Rhonda M. Medows, Commissioner and State Health Officer

SUBJECT: Follow Up to August 27 Local School Superintendent's Conference Call

This is a follow up to the August 27 Conference Call with Local School Superintendents regarding H1N1 Virus recommendations. Below are the Department's recommendations concerning children with flu symptoms but no fever.

- Influenza, in particular H1N1 flu, may manifest as a nonfebrile illness.
- The infectious nature of the H1N1 virus is not due to the fever; it is from having the viral infection itself.
- Children with cold and flu symptoms but no fever should be sent home until their symptoms improve. Their return to school should not be based on fever resolution.
- The goal is to remove children and staff with flu symptoms (whether they are mild or moderately ill with fever) away from healthy populations and reduce transmission of the virus.

Thank you for your participation in today's call.

cc: Dr. Garry McGiboney, DOE