

Pandemic Flu Student Entry Guidelines

Under Indiana guidelines, a child may be excluded from attendance for medical reasons.

1. If a child is suspected or is a probable case of H1N1, as determined by a physician, confirmation the student does not have the H1N1 flu is needed before allowing the student to return to school. The student and siblings or members of the same household shall be excluded from attending school until such time as it is determined the child does not have the H1N1 virus and is symptom free.
2. If a student tests positive and has the H1N1 or any influenza virus for which a United States agency has issued a warning the strain represents a serious threat to public health, the school the student(s) attends will be closed for a period of time to be determined by health officials. When the school is reopened, before allowing any child to return who has had a positive diagnosis the student should have been out of school 10-14 days, be symptom free, and have a doctor's statement indicating it is safe for the student to return to school. Siblings or members of the same household shall also be symptom free before being allowed to return to school.
3. A student(s) enrolling for the first time or who has visited an area of the United States or a foreign country identified by the Center for Disease Control as having an outbreak of the A/H1N1/North America/Human influenza, or any influenza for which a United States agency has issued a warning the strain represents a serious threat to public health, returns and desires to resume attendance at school shall be excluded from attendance at school for 10 calendar days from the documented date of their entry or reentry into the United States and be symptom free. Siblings or members of the same household shall also be excluded for 10 calendar days and be symptom free.
4. If a student has been in contact with someone whom a physician suspects to be a probable or confirmed case of the current outbreak strain, the student must be excluded from attendance for 10 calendar days and be symptom free before being allowed to return to school. Siblings or members of the same household shall also be excluded for 10 calendar days and be symptom free before being allowed to return to school.
5. As this is a very unusual time considerable leeway must be afforded to students and staff regarding their absences for illness.
6. Encourage students and staff who are ill with flu symptoms to stay home.
7. The corporation will strictly enforce the legal requirement that a student must have all legally required immunizations before being allowed to attend school. Students may be enrolled, but not attend until legal proof is provided that immunizations are current.