

To: CISD Parents, Students, and Staff

From: Larry Watson, Superintendent

Date: April 28, 2009

Re: Precautionary Measures Due to Swine Flu Outbreak

In light of the swine flu epidemic that has occurred in Mexico and its impact on Texas and the United States, our administrative staff is in the process of developing a plan to address the issue. We contacted the Kaufman County Health Department this morning and learned that there are no confirmed cases of swine flu in Kaufman County at this point. Swine flu symptoms involve flu-like symptoms including fever, sore throat, and cough.

Initially, Crandall ISD is taking the following precautionary steps:

1. Monitoring: School staff is closely monitoring the situation and will be sending any student or staff member home who experiences flu symptoms with a strong recommendation that medical attention from a doctor be sought immediately.
2. Following School Policy and General Health Precautions: We are asking parents to follow school policy and procedures as follows:
  - 1) Do not send students to school sick.
  - 2) Students must be completely symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
  - 3) Wash hands often with antibacterial soap and water to minimize the spread of germs.
  - 4) Encourage students to cough and sneeze "in your sleeve" or using tissues that must be thrown away immediately.
  - 5) Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with your hands. Germs are spread easily in this manner.
3. Communicating with County Health Officials: School officials are in close communication with county health officials and will be following their directives.
4. Disinfecting the Campuses: Custodial staff has been instructed to conduct a thorough wipe down of all furniture and fixtures with Virex.

For additional information, contact the Centers for Disease Control at 1-800-CDC-INFO, or online at: <http://www.cdc.gov>.