

Protocol for Notifying Public Health Department re: Swine Flu Suspects

1. Identify a School contact who will be the liaison to the Public Health Department: Teacher, School Nurse, Health Clerk.

2. If child/staff comes to school sick:
 - a. Flu like symptoms: fever plus any of the following: cough, sore throat, body aches, chills (some may also have vomiting or diarrhea)

AND

 - i. History of recent travel within past 7 days to area where Swine flu has been identified.

OR

 - ii. Exposure to someone who has been having flu like symptoms and has traveled to areas where Swine flu has been identified

3. Isolate child until parent can pick up. Give them instructions to go home and stay home until further notice. Family should seek medical care if necessary.

4. Obtain following information to provide to Public Health Department using the attached form:
 - a. Child's name and DOB
 - b. School and classroom
 - c. Parent's name
 - d. Contact information: address, telephone number
 - e. Symptoms of child
 - f. History of travel
 - g. Others in household who have been ill

In addition, if you notice an increase in absenteeism, please report this information to:

Santa Cruz Public Health Department: (831) 454-4114
FAX: (831) 454-5049