

St. Joan of Arc follows all Palm Beach County School Board and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines with regard to protecting our students from the flu.

Should any student display flu-like symptoms (persistent cough, fever, body aches) that student will stay in an isolated area and parents will be contacted to take the student home.

Any student with these symptoms may not return to school without written clearance from a doctor. Parents will be familiar with this school procedure as it is the same one we use for other common childhood sickness such as pink eye and strep throat

The school is also taking the recommended precautions to sanitize the campus every day: emphasizing washing of hands, cleaning student desks, and keeping updated with notices from civic and health officials.

Parents are encouraged to promote the universal precautions that help ward off these types of sicknesses:

Swine Flu tips for children:

1. After you play outside, share toys with friends, or sneeze/cough: wash your hands vigorously with soap and water at the sink singing “Happy Birthday” or praying one Hail Mary (You will be surprised this takes about the recommended 15 seconds).
2. If you need to cough or sneeze: extend your arm and sneeze into the bend of your arm where your elbow bends.
3. While sharing is polite-it is important to not share drinks, or take a bite of food after someone else has taken a bite of food..
4. Drink plenty of water, eat fruit and veggies and be certain to get 8 hours of sleep each night.

PARENTS: Parents: Have a Plan B- especially if you are a professional - should your child need to stay home from school.

Note: Medical records are private records. Only medical professional, by law may confirm and report cases of this sort, to local authorities. The school is not allowed to distribute or discuss any student’s records.

However, should a doctor report to us that a student has H1N1, every action will be taken to keep all our students safe.