FIRST BAPTIST KIDS

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KIDS Parents,

Thanks for choosing KIDS for your child's preschool. It is our goal that your child has a healthy and fun filled year of learning. Not only have we been preparing for your child's academic success but have been anticipating and getting ready in case there is a renewed outbreak of the H1N1 flu virus. This fall, health officials have changed their stance and are no longer sending samples away to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for confirmation of the H1N1 virus. ***All Type A Influenza cases are being considered and treated as "presumed" H1N1.***

This past spring there were no cases of H1N1 reported to the KIDS office. This fall, KIDS has one "presumed" H1N1 case that has been reported to the KIDS office as of September 18, 2009. All children who were in direct contact with the ill child have been notified by telephone so that they can be aware of the symptoms should they occur. As with any contagious illness, parents will be notified either by phone or note that their child has been exposed as we did today with the exposed children.

Symptoms include mild fever (99-102), cough, upper respiratory infection, sore throat, muscle aches, headaches and in some cases, upset stomach, vomiting and diarrhea. Students or staff experiencing two or more of the symptoms above should seek a doctor's care immediately AND report their illness/symptoms to the KIDS office. Treatment by Tamiflu has proven effective in treating the virus if treatment has started in the first 48 hours.

Although the symptoms are relatively mild, the disease is considered highly contagious and can cause serious complications in some patients. A vaccine is being tested but is not yet available to the general public. If at all possible, vaccinate your family against the flu and when it becomes available ask your healthcare provider about getting the H1N1 vaccination as well. Identify if you have children who are at higher risk of serious disease from the flu and talk to your healthcare provider about a plan to protect them during the flu season. Children at high risk of serious disease from the flu include: children under 5 years of age and those children with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma and diabetes.

The safety and well being of your child is our top priority. Good health and hygiene are essential. FBC KIDS are encouraging frequent hand-washing with soap and water for all adults and children. We are also providing hand sanitizer as an added protection at different locations in the hallway and in the classrooms.

We ask that parents keep students home who have fever or any two of the symptoms listed above. In addition, all cases of H1N1 or Type A Influenza should be reported to the KIDS office. Sick students should not return for 24 hours after fever subsides (without the use of fever-reducing medications).

It is our hope that we can avoid a significant flu outbreak and we appreciate your help in regards to this important health issue. If you have questions, please call me at 817-431-4749. We enjoy having your child(ren) - thanks again for choosing us as an educational partner with your family,

Sincerely,

Cathy Davison
First Baptist KIDS
Director