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### **H1N1 Flu Information & Updates**

As many are aware, there is heightened concern and interest regarding the H1N1 Flu with the start of school. H1N1 Flu (also known as Swine Flu) is a new flu virus causing illness throughout the country. The virus is spreading in the same fashion that the “regular” seasonal flu spreads. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states the virus is contagious and spreads from person to person through coughing, sneezing and/or touching infected areas. As we approach flu season, Henry County Public Schools is developing a plan to address the impact this may have on the operation of our schools. As of today, we have received information that there are four potential cases of H1N1 Flu in three schools (Campbell Court Elementary School, Fieldale-Collinsville Middle School, and Rich Acres Elementary School).

The school division will be monitoring the situation daily. Frequent updates will be provided as necessary.

The school division will follow the recommendations provided by the Virginia Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Virginia Department of Education to guide decisions and steps to help minimize the overall impact on any school or the community. Specific information will be provided to parents, staff, and principals with future updates as they become available.

“We ask any parent who believes that their child is exhibiting any flu-like symptoms to consult their primary care physician,” said Sherry Vestal, School Nurse Coordinator.

To keep everyone informed information is available on the Henry County Public School System’s web page at [www.henry.k12.va.us](http://www.henry.k12.va.us). Regular updates will be provided as necessary.

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