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RE: H1N1 (Swine Flu) Cautions & Concerns

Dear HCS Parents,

Today we received the dreaded call from an HCS parent. My child is being sent to the hospital for observation of a suspected case of swine flu. The child has not been in school since last Friday and we are notifying you out of an abundance of caution.

We, the staff, administrator, board, and ancillary staff will do everything in our power to be sure the school is safe. We have already taken additional sanitation precautions. Every classroom has hand sanitizing stations. Our staff is emphasizing precautions to prevent the spread of any infection. We will communicate with you regularly about any identified cases or the spread of them.

We request your full cooperation on the following items to protect all of our students:

- Encourage your child to use good hygiene at all times, frequent hand washing, cough or sneeze into a sleeve or tissue.
- Children with a fever (100 degrees) and/or flu like symptoms should stay at home until they have been fever and symptom free for 24 hours.
- Be sure we have accurate emergency contact information in the office.
- Develop an alternate plan for your child when staying home is necessary or when sending the child home from school becomes necessary.
- Contact your child's physician about receiving regular flu vaccine until the H1N1 vaccine becomes available.

Watch the Blue Note and HCS website, [www.highlandchristian.org](http://www.highlandchristian.org) , for the most current information.

Thank you for your support and attention in this critical matter.

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