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Message to Parents:

Union County School System would like to inform parents of the most recent H1N1 Pandemic update from the Department of Community Health and Department of Education. They are expecting a large number of H1N1 cases and are already beginning to see this trend. In addition, the seasonal flu will be arriving earlier than usual this year.

GA school systems have been instructed to contact parents and have them pick-up students suffering from any of the flu symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose, cough, muscle aches, and/or a fever. Students should wait 24 hours after their fever is gone-(without the use of Tylenol or Ibuprofen) before returning to school. Students may not always run a fever with the virus, those students should remain home until the symptoms improve. For the protection of all students and faculty, students with flu symptoms should stay home.

We realize that this contradicts actions taken in the past and the system's goal to maintain a high attendance rate, but we are dealing with an unusual set of circumstances and the students' health is a higher priority.

Thank you for your cooperation with these guidelines.