

Lamar County School District Works to “Stop Flu at the Door”



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LAMAR COUNTY, MISS., Wednesday, August 5, 2009—As the Lamar County School District (LCSD) prepares for the start of school this week, district staff and administrators will take a number of precautions to prevent the spread of the H1N1 Swine Flu virus. Most of the cases of Swine Flu that have been reported in the United States and across the state have been mild. However, the district is doing its part to “Stop Flu at the Door” to minimize the spread of the virus. Those measures include:

- ❖ Holding staff development training for faculty on how Swine Flu is transmitted and what can be done help prevent the spread of the virus.
- ❖ Installing hand sanitizer stations in common areas at various schools for students, faculty and visitors to utilize.
- ❖ Following recommendations that come down from the Mississippi Department of Education to help deter the spread of the virus.
- ❖ Sanitizing buildings beyond normal operations.

Administrators and staff will be observing students for any flu-like or upper respiratory symptoms (fever, cough, chills and body aches), and will direct anyone exhibiting these symptoms to the school nurse.

“Parents of the Lamar County School District can be assured that the health and well-being of our students is our top priority and we are doing everything possible to educate our staff about Swine Flu,” said Dr. Ben Burnett, Lamar County School District Superintendent of Schools.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that parents keep their children at home if they exhibit symptoms of the flu in order to limit contact with others. **The LCSD asks that parents or caretakers closely monitor the health of all students by taking a child’s temperature if they appear ill; any student with a fever of 100 degrees or higher should be kept at home until the fever has cleared for more than 24 hours.**

The Mississippi Department of Education’s Office of Healthy Schools has also set up a website that includes fact sheets about Swine Flu and other pertinent information. Visit http://www.healthyschoolsms.org/ohs_main/news.htm to view links and attachments.

For more information, contact the Lamar County School District at 601.794.1030 or visit the district website at www.lamarcountyschools.org.