



Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As the Director of Education I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information about **H1N1 Influenza** and to assure you that nothing is more important to us than your child's health and safety.

We are working with Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the Huron Perth health units and other community partners to ensure our schools remain safe places to work and learn. Over the course of the fall, we will be in constant contact with our county public health officials and will keep you informed.

To reduce the risk of infection of the H1N1 flu virus, the most effective measure is proper personal hygiene. Throughout our schools, staff will be promoting proper hand washing techniques with students using materials provided by the local health units. Each school will post age appropriate informational posters and encourage proper hand washing procedures.

In addition to the hand washing precautions:

- Schools have been provided with a check list of tasks and activities that will lower the possibility for infection.
- All 'high touch' surfaces will receive special attention using non-hazardous cleaning products.
- All washrooms and classrooms will continue to be cleaned and closely monitored to ensure they continue to meet the standards recommended by the Public Health Units.
- Hand sanitizers will be installed in the entrance ways of our schools.
- We are working with the local Health Units to promote vaccinations as a means of preventing widespread illness.

What you can do to help:

- Teach your child to wash his/her hands frequently at home and at school.
- Teach your child to sneeze into his/her arm.
- If your child has flu symptoms, please keep him/her home.
- If you call the office to report your child's absence, please tell us why your child is absent and please state if it is for a respiratory ailment.

Every employee of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is working to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment.

Please continue to stay in touch with the school and address any concerns you have to your classroom teacher or school principal and consult our website for regular updates and current information - www.huronperthcatholic.ca

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Martha Dutrizac
Director of Education

BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic School Board. We serve our students, working with the home, parish and school community to:

- Nurture a Christ-centred environment;
- Provide student-focused learning opportunities;
- Support the growth of the whole person.