

Parents,

It looks like the flu season has started early this year. I am writing this letter to let you know what precautions we are taking at Pioneer Pleasant Vale Public Schools to protect our students, faculty and staff. I have been in contact with the state and county health departments in efforts to find any information that we might use to help slow down the spread of the flu in our schools. Currently, we are waiting on word on when flu shots will be available for our students and staff and if they will be administered at school. However, there is a great deal of information out there on what each one of us can do to limit or contain the spread of the flu. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) states that frequent hand washing is the best method to prevent the spread of flu. They also suggest ways to combat the flu if you think you already have it. Below is a link to the CDC website and information on what you can do at home:

<http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1FLU/>

At school we have done the following steps to help prevent the spread of the flu virus:

- 1) Allowed for more hand washing opportunities
- 2) Purchased additional hand soaps to meet the increased demand
- 3) Purchased additional hand towels to meet the increased demand
- 4) Placed hand sanitizers in classrooms and locations around the building
- 5) Purchased sanitizer refills to meet the increased demand
- 6) Placed bacteria and virus killing cleaning spray in each classroom to spray desks on an hourly basis if needed.
- 7) Contracted for all “touch point” areas in the school such as faucets, toilets, cafeteria tables, door handles, phones, and keyboards to be treated with anti bacteria/antiviral cleaning agent that lasts up the 90 days per application.

These are the steps we will take as a district if your child becomes sick at school (recommended by the state and the CDC:

- 1) Require parents to pick their child up if they have a fever or show severe signs of the flu.
- 2) Quarantine students until parents can pick them up.
- 3) Not allow students back to school until they have been free of all symptoms for at least 24 hours.
- 4) Closely monitor siblings of infected students for signs of flu.

I don't believe that we will have the need to close school due to a flu outbreak, but, please monitor our school website at [www.ppv.k12.ok.us](http://www.ppv.k12.ok.us) for updates on any school closings.

Thank you for your help in this matter. Please call the office if you have any suggestions or need any additional information concerning this issue.

Sincerely,

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