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Dear Parents and Staff:

The Novel H1N1 (Swine flu) virus continues to be present in Marathon County. Medical experts are concerned that we will continue to see cases through the fall, and that the virus may be more severe. *This is not a time for fear, but instead, a time for preparation.*

There are steps that families can take now to guard against getting the flu, including establishing access to health care if you or your children do become ill. *All members of your family should:*

- Wash hands frequently and regularly.
- Cover your cough. Cough into your upper sleeve or into a tissue and discard properly.
- Learn the flu symptoms – fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, headache and body aches.
- Stay home from work or school if you have flu symptoms and see a doctor/healthcare provider if symptoms persist.
Do not send a sick child to school or daycare.
- Keep immunizations updated.

There is some new advice to share with you.

- Develop a plan if your child becomes sick and needs to stay home, or if your child's school is closed.
- Talk to your child about the flu to decrease fear and to ensure he or she has accurate information.
- When a Novel H1N1 vaccine becomes available, please see that children get the immunization. This information will be shared when available.

If you have any questions about the Swine Flu, call the Marathon County Health Department at (715) 261-1900 or visit the Health Department Website at <http://www.co.marathon.wi.us>.

Please be certain your child's school has your current contact information, including telephone number. Please continue to check the Wausau School District Website for updated school H1N1 information.

Thank you for your time. We are eager for the new school year to begin and we continue our commitment for safe and healthy classrooms.

Sincerely,

Jeff Joyce, Director - Pupil Services