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New Guidelines for Mendocino County School Closures Regarding H1N1 Virus

Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency, Community Health Services and the Mendocino County Public Health Officer (Dr. Marvin Trotter) in conjunction with Mendocino County Office of Education is providing the latest guidance for dismissals of children/students attending K-12 grades and young children/infants attending childcare facilities regarding the novel influenza A (H1N1) outbreak in California.

School closure is no longer advised for a suspected or confirmed case of novel influenza A (H1N1), unless there is a magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism that interferes with the school's ability to function.

Students, faculty or staff with influenza-like illness (fever with a cough or sore throat) should stay home and not attend school or go into the community except to seek medical care for at least a minimum of 3 days after the onset of symptoms or until acute symptoms (e.g. fever) have resolved, whichever is longer. Follow up with their physician is also an option.

Families returning from travels to Mexico are advised to socially isolate for a minimum of 3 days upon return to their homes in Mendocino County.

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