

## **PANDEMIC PROTOCOL FOR H1N1 FLU**

Cases of H1N1 flu have been reported in multiple counties in Massachusetts. The Uxbridge Public School administrators and nurses have developed the following protocol to address the threat of the H1N1 Flu:

- School staff will be made aware of H1N1 Flu symptoms, such as: fever, chills, cough, sorethroat, body aches, headache, dizziness, vomiting and fatigue.
- Employees who observe a student or staff member with any of the above symptomatic conditions must notify the school nurse.
- The student or staff member will be sent to the school nurse's office. If there are no confirmations of symptoms, the student or staff member may return to class/work.

### **If symptoms are confirmed by the nurse, continue the following protocol:**

- Staff member will be asked to go home.
- Student or staff member cannot return to school/work until fever-free for full 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. A medical note will not be required to return.
- Parents will be notified to pick up their child as soon as possible.
- School administrators will be kept informed of multiple absences due to flu illness.

### **In the event of wide-spread flu illness in the school district:**

- The Superintendent of Schools will notify the Board of Health and School Committee.
- If a school building is not able to function due to insufficient staff the specific school may be closed in accordance with the local Board of Health.
- Notification will be sent to faculty and staff, school families, posted on the website, TV, and radio regarding school closing.
- The Superintendent will maintain communications with the local Board of Health and the school physician.
- Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure that the school facility is safe.