

Electra Independent School District

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Dear Parents:

Concerns about the spread of swine flu continue throughout Texas and the nation. The strain has not been as serious as previously thought, but it is still a serious health hazard. We are in touch with the Wichita County Health Department for the latest health related updates. Our maintenance and custodial personnel are taking extra precautions to disinfect community areas such as bathrooms, keyboards, and doorknobs at all the campuses. Hand sanitizers are being made available in each classroom. Vaccines are due to be available during the month of October. It is hoped that we will be able to provide flu shot clinics here at Electra ISD for both the swine flu and normal seasonal flu. The Wichita County Health Department will contact my office once these are available and information will be disseminated to the community as soon as possible.

There are precautions you can take by asking your children to take extra precautions such as not eating or drinking after anyone else and washing their hands often. If your child shows symptoms of any type of influenza, we encourage you to: (1) have them tested at their physician's office or the local health clinic and (2) keep them at home until they are symptom free. For their own safety and the safety of others, students should not return to school until they have been fever and symptom free for 24 hours without medication. Swine flu is a person to person transmission that is treatable with Tamiflu and like drugs. For more details, please consult the Center for Disease Control link at www.cdc.gov/swineflu where there are postings in English and Spanish.

Electra ISD will also keep updated information on the homepage of the district Web site at www.electraisd.net. EISD will continue to monitor the situation closely. We appreciate your support and understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Nightingale
Superintendent of Schools