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Dear Parents and Community:

It appears at least one of our students within Boling Independent School District have confirmed "Type A" flu. This may be "swine" flu, or H1N1, but that must be confirmed by a state laboratory (takes 10 or more days) if the physician chooses to have it tested. Regardless, we are taking the following precautions because several of the students are out with some illness that may or may not be related:

1. While at school, we are strongly encouraging students and staff to wash their hands frequently with an anti-bacterial soap, and to cover coughs or sneezes. Boling ISD has these supplies available at each campus and/or work station.
2. Students with flu-like symptoms, (fever, cough, runny nose) will be sent home and we encourage parents to take their sick child to a doctor.
3. Students who have the flu must remain home until there is no fever for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) before returning to school.
4. Employees of Boling ISD who have sick children or are sick themselves will be asked to stay home as well (same guidelines as #3 above).
5. Our custodial crew is sterilizing dressing areas, door knobs, water fountains, bathrooms, etc., every day.

The following link, <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/general/index.html>, provides additional information regarding the flu. You may also wish to check <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/taa/health082409.html>, the Texas Education Agency communication regarding the flu.

We will do all that we can to ensure the safety and well-being of our children. We are not likely to actually close schools unless the number of sick children and adults approach a level where it is deemed necessary or is requested by authorities. In the meantime, we have strategies for sick children to continue learning while they are absent. Please work with your child's teachers and/or campus principal as appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please call your campus administrator or nurse.

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