



SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents

We received word from the Texas Education Agency today that the swine flu is an imminent threat and concern for all Texans. The University Interscholastic League (UIL) has suspended all student activities until May 11, 2009. While there have been no reported cases in Bell County, we are taking precautionary steps to be prepared. We are monitoring this health issue closely and in communication with the Bell County Health Department. We will be notified if there are any confirmed cases in our area.

We do not think there is cause for alarm, however, we are very concerned for the health and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and their families.

Symptoms of swine flu may include fever, fatigue, lack of appetite, coughing, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

There is no vaccine available right now to protect against swine flu. There are actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illness like influenza such as:

- Stay home when you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others.
- Cough or sneeze into the elbow or a tissue and properly dispose of the used tissue
- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Viruses can spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you have reason to be concerned that your child may have swine flu, please contact your family doctor as soon as possible. Swine flu can only be diagnosed by a medical professional.

Billy Wiggins
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