

# MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear District Patrons:

H1N1 Flu has become a topic of conversation in the news and in our communities. Marshall Public Schools wants our patrons to know we are taking all precautions to help keep your children healthy and in school during these times. We have been in contact with the Saline County Health Department and will continue to work with them to gather the most updated information we can. This information will continue to be reported on our website, [www.marshallschools.com](http://www.marshallschools.com), for your viewing. At this time, Saline County Health Department has submitted a plan for administration of the H1N1 vaccination. The quantity of vaccinations will determine which part of the plan will be enacted first.

Marshall Public Schools will refer to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website for all guidelines to follow on the topic of H1N1. The website is [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). On this website you will see a section on the left hand side of your screen labeled H1N1 Flu in green. Click on the section labeled Guidance. When you get to the new screen under guidance, scroll down to the section labeled Guidance for Child Care Programs, Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

The school district will continue to promote hand washing for our students. In addition to promoting hand washing, the district is installing hand sanitizers throughout the buildings and cafeterias. Other suggestions for precautions are to cough in the shoulder area, elbow, or a tissue, avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth, keep children at home with signs of flu, wipe down doorknobs, light switches, computer keyboards, refrigerator handles, etc with disinfecting wipes.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention the following are symptoms of H1N1 Flu.

- Symptoms of seasonal flu and include fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Headache
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Could include diarrhea and vomiting

It is in the best interest of the patrons of Marshall Public Schools to have the most up to date information regarding H1N1. Please watch our website for updates during this flu season. If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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