

**HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH
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For your information, officials from the Norfolk Board of Health and Norfolk Public School System were notified this morning of a confirmed case of H1N1 influenza, more commonly referred to as Swine Flu. The individual involved is a student at the H. Olive Day School. The student was last in school on Wednesday, April 29th, and has been at home recovering. School administrators have been monitoring the situation and report no increase in absenteeism or illness. This is true for both Norfolk Public Schools, as well as the King Philip School District.

School building maintenance personnel have been conducting special cleaning and disinfecting within the schools for the past several days. Based on the specifics of this case, and upon collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), all Norfolk Public Schools will be open on Wednesday, following completion of town elections. School officials and local boards of health will closely monitor the situation to assess the need for additional measures. Information updates will be provided to parents via Connect-ED and to residents and businesses via Connect-CTY.

Measures have been taking place within the Norfolk Public Schools and King Philip School District to help protect students and staff members from influenza. However, if your child is exhibiting symptoms similar to seasonal influenza, it is very important that he/she does not go to school or other places where your child might make other people sick, such as group childcare, after school programs, the mall, or sporting events. Flu-like symptoms include: fever of 100° F or greater, cough and/or sore throat. Contact your child's healthcare provider for their recommendations.

Additional information including guidelines for testing for Swine Influenza can be found on the following websites: Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov/swineflu), Massachusetts Department of Public Health (www.mass.gov/dph), and the Town of Norfolk (www.virtualnorfolk.org). Information is also available at www.mass211.org/emergencyinfo.html, or by dialing 211.

Thanks you for your cooperation.