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Dear Parents,

Many parents have expressed their concern about the recent occurrences of the H1N1 Influenza A virus “Swine Flu” in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and state health agencies are reporting that the best means to minimize the risk of spread is to employ excellent personal hygiene and maintain cleanliness.

The most common signs and symptoms of the virus are similar to the symptoms of the regular flu. These may include fever, cough, sore throat, head and body aches, nausea, vomiting, chills, and fatigue. To help prevent the spread of the infection, you should cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw away the tissue immediately. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water. Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth.

If you suspect your child may be sick with this virus, you may take your child to a healthcare provider to be evaluated. **Please do not send your child to school if he/she has any of the symptoms.**

The Queen Creek School District will do whatever it takes to make our environment safe for your children. All of the teachers are informed of the symptoms and have been instructed to send any child who may exhibit any of the virus symptoms to the health office right away. As a precautionary measure, children with symptoms are being sent home more readily at this time. Children and staff are being afforded the time to wash hands more frequently during the school day. The night custodial staff is vigilant in cleaning all surface contact areas each night. In the event of an occurrence at school, the district will take every available measure (ex., letter home, postings on Snap Grades, QCUSD website posting, media announcement, and mass phone calls) to notify you immediately.

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter. Together we continue to make the Queen Creek Schools a safe place to educate our children.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Murlless  
Superintendent of Schools

