

# LANSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #158

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

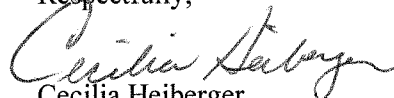
Lansing School District #158 continues to monitor the number of absences due to influenza at all of our schools. According to the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) influenza-like illness remains widespread. I am pleased to report that our district has not experienced any significant outbreak of influenza at our schools. We will continue to follow the guidelines distributed by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health for keeping our school environments healthy. We will also continue to monitor our daily attendance patterns at all schools and will notify our families should we experience a significant change in attendance for influenza-like illnesses.

The schools' first lines of defense with this illness are parents. It is vitally important that children who are ill remain home until they are fever free for a full 24 hours. In the case of flu symptoms, seven days at home are recommended, longer if the child still has fever. Good health habits, such as frequent hand washing, are a parent's best defense against the germs responsible for influenza. As always, any specific medical concerns you have should be addressed with your child's physician.

District 158 was offered the opportunity to participate in their H1N1 vaccination program. I attended several meetings held by the CCDPH and felt there was not enough information given regarding the type and form of vaccine to be used including: What type of vaccine would be administered, nasal or injection? Will it be a live virus or non active? What are the risks associated with this vaccine? Will the vaccine contain thimerosal or be thimerosal-free? What are the limits of liability for schools? According to the CCDPH representative, the charge nurse will decide what type of vaccine your child will receive based on a 20 question consent form. I requested that our school offer the vaccination program after hours or on a Saturday so that our parents would be available to attend. The CCDPH was not able to accommodate our request because of current staffing hours. I believe our parents should be present to be able to ask those questions important to them before agreeing to the vaccine for their child. Therefore, our district will not be participating in the vaccination program.

The CCDPH is offering flu clinics by appointment at four locations listed on our web site: [www.d158.net](http://www.d158.net). There is also a walk-in clinic schedule for Saturday, Dec. 12 at the following locations: Cicero Health Center, 5912 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero; Cottage Grove Health Center, 1645 Cottage Grove, Ford Heights; Robbins Health Center, 13450 S. Kedzie Ave., Robbins; and Vista Health Center, 1585 N. Rand Road, Palatine. Contact the Cook County Department of Public Health hotline at (708) 492-2828 for more information. If you have specific concerns you wish to discuss, please contact me at (708) 474-6700.

Respectfully,

  
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Superintendent of Schools

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