



Yavapai County Community Health Services

Our Mission: "Yavapai County Community Health Services will provide leadership, information, and services that contribute to improving the health and well-being of Yavapai County residents."



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

September 1, 2009

Dear Parent,

As you may know, flu can be easily spread from person to person. Therefore, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of flu throughout Yavapai County. We want to keep the school open to students and functioning in a normal manner during this flu season. **But, we need your help to do this.**

We are working cooperatively and with the Arizona Department of Health Services and the CDC to monitor flu conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take concerning schools. We will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available.

If the flu becomes more severe, the following steps maybe taken:

- Implementing active flu symptom screening of students and staff as they arrive at school,
- recommending changes to increase the space between people such as moving desks farther apart and postponing class trips, and
- encouraging dismissal of students from school for at least 7 days if they become sick.

For now, we are doing everything we can to help keep schools functioning as usual. Attached is a flyer listing several things you and your family can do to keep from catching and spreading the H1N1 flu.

For more information, visit www.flu.gov, or call 1-800-CDC-INFO for the most current information about the flu. For more information about flu in our community and what Yavapai County Community Health Services is doing, visit www.yavapaihealth.com or call 928-771-3121. We will notify you of any additional changes to your children's school's strategy to prevent the spread of flu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Resendes".

Robert Resendes
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