

## Memorandum

April 27, 2009

To: All PCOE Staff

From: Gayle Garbolino-Mojica, County Superintendent of Schools

Re: Swine Flu Information



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On Monday April 27, 2009 a telephone conference was conducted with Dr. Richard Burton, Placer County Health Officer and Director OF Health and Human Services regarding the recent outbreak of cases of swine flu in Mexico and five states in the United States including California. Dr. Burton desired to clarify the communication network that would be used with Placer County Schools and some reasonable precautionary measures to take personally and in the classroom.

Dr. Burton is releasing a letter from his office to Placer County schools outlining the current information related to the swine flu from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. This letter will be released by me to the employees of the Placer County Office of Education and to the school districts in Placer County. Dr. Burton will address all of us taking basic precautionary measures including:

1. Washing hands thoroughly, as it is one of the most important preventative measures.
2. Maintaining a hand disinfectant in the classroom.
3. Keeping up with routine cleaning of surfaces that are subject to frequent human contact.
4. Use of masks with children who begin to show symptoms of upper respiratory illness. (Masks to be used as a general preventative have not been found to be effective.)
5. Encouraging families whose children show upper respiratory illness to contact the primary care physician to conduct tests for swine flu.

My office is very concerned about the health of all students and we will disseminate accurate and complete information as we receive it from the Placer County Health Department. Thank you for your cooperation.

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