



LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of our Lancers,

Per the request of the Hamilton County Public Health Department (HCPH), La Salle continues to follow the recommendations and guidelines received from them and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding our school's response to the H1N1 influenza.

While some schools are experiencing a spike in absenteeism, La Salle's rate remains fairly steady. Our absenteeism for sickness for the past two weeks has been running about 4-5%, which is only slightly higher than normal for this time of the year. Therefore, we have chosen for now to continue with our present course of preventative action and response.

Students and employees who develop flu-like illness should stay home and remain there for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines. They should stay home even if they are using antiviral drugs. Students will need to use Moodle and other technological means to remain current with their school work during that missed school time. Students, who while at school appear to have flu-like illness, will be separated from others and wear a surgical mask until they can be sent home.

Students and staff continue to be reminded of basic good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette – to wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and completely dry them, especially after coughing or sneezing, and to cover noses and mouths with a tissue or handkerchief when coughing or sneezing (or use their shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available). They are also encouraged to avoid touching their mouths, eyes, and noses since germs can easily spread that way. We continue to request each student to keep a canister of sanitizing or disinfecting wipes in his locker and to restock that supply when he exhausts them. After each class block when he returns to his locker to exchange his books and other school items in preparation for his next class, we want him to grab one of the wipes and take it to his next classroom. Upon arriving in that room, we would like for him to wipe both his hands and the top of his desk and then dispose the wipe in the class trashcan. Our school custodial staff will continue their increased frequency of cleaning common areas that are routinely touched often by our students and staff.

We're waiting patiently for notice from HCPH that they have scheduled La Salle's H1N1 vaccination date. As of today, it's not too late for you to request that your son be added to the list of students who will receive the vaccination. If you want to add him, please print the form that is posted on our main webpage, complete it, and have your son bring it to our main office receptionist, Mrs. Terry Mock.

If you indicated the mist option on the vaccination form, your son will receive the mist. If you did not check the mist option, he'll get the shot. If you have changed your mind, please call Mrs. Mock immediately (513-741-2344) and submit a new form. Please be aware that once HCPH calls us to inform us of our confirmed vaccination date, they will demand then that we give them our final count; we cannot add any new names or make any changes after this time.

We'll continue to keep you informed as things develop. Forever know that I care

Thomas Luebbe '73
Principal of La Salle

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