

PROTOCOL for assessing students suspected of having the flu

Any student with the following should be considered at risk for the flu:

- **Fever > 100.5 and any of the following**
 - **Cough**
 - **Sore throat**
 - **Shortness of breath**

These students should have a surgical mask applied immediately. Once the mask has been placed on the student, the following questions should be asked of either the student or their parent:

- **Has the student traveled to Mexico within seven days of onset of symptoms?**
- **Does the student have a sibling or close contact that attends a school where another student has swine flu?**
- **Is the student a contact of a known case of swine flu?**

CODE 4871: INFLUENZA- FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS

Students with a positive response to any of these questions should remain with the mask on. Their parents or guardians should be contacted and the child sent home. The student should remain in the medical room or in the medical room waiting area apart from the general population until he or she is picked up by an authorized individual. These students should remain out of school until they are no longer febrile and have no respiratory symptoms.

CODE 460: COLD SYMPTOMS

Students with a negative response to **all** of the above questions may have their masks removed. These students should be assessed as per the nurse's clinical judgment and district policy.

PARENTAL CONTACT

Telephone calls-- When parents call to notify the school that their student will be absent today because of illness, then the attendance clerk should read a district approved statement to the parent if the parent states the **absense is flu or cold**. The statement should include the items listed in the first bullet of this document and should recommend that the parent take the student to the doctor if these conditions are met to **determine type of flu**.

Parent picks up student-- When a parent arrives to pick up the ill student then the attendance clerk will submit a check out slip with the same information as given in telephone calls. In telephone call statements and picking up ill students, the statements and forms should request **timely parent feed back** so that school level isolation decisions can be made by school management.

Automated call and email systems--A district containing this capability should use it to **educate the parent base**. A call and email should be sent to all parents in the district containing a district approved statement.

General Considerations:

- Children with respiratory symptoms, but no fever may be sent back to class, if in the nurse's clinical judgment the child is well enough to return to class.
- Children with a fever are to be sent home whether or not they have respiratory symptoms.
- Children with fever and respiratory symptoms should be sent home. They should remain in the

medical room or waiting area that is not heavily trafficked. They should not go back to class or the general office.

- In schools where there were medically fragile children who need procedures done, nurse should work with principals to find suitable alternate rooms where ill students can remain until parents came to pick them up.
- Nurses should follow standard protocols in requiring a student have medical clearance before returning to school.

The screenshot displays the JPAMS software interface for attendance posting. It includes an attendance roster, a list of check-out reasons, and a health code selection window. Three callouts provide instructions on how to use these features.

Callout 1: When checkout cell is clicked, a reason code list will appear.

Callout 2: If one of the following check out reasons codes 02, 10, 15, 26, 32, 34, 35 or 36 are selected during a student check out action then the health code selection window will appear.

Callout 3: When a health condition is selected then select the severity. (MI - mild, MO - moderate, SE - severe.)

Health Code Selection Window: This window lists various health conditions with radio buttons for severity selection (MI, MO, SE) and a corresponding CODE and DESC.

MI	MO	SE	CODE	DESC
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	V703	Appointment
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	49390	Asthma
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	78609	Breathing problems
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	78650	Chest Pain
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5259	Dental problems
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	25001	Diabetes
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	7802	Fainting
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	7806	Fever
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	460	Cold Symptoms
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	V413	Earache
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	7840	Headache
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	9198	Injury
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	38843	Hearing problems
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	V06	Immunizations
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1329	Lice
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	4590	Nose Bleed
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	3729	Pink Eye
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	7821	Rash/Skin Condition
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	78039	Seizures
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	78900	Stomachache
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	4721	Sore Throat
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	791	Urinary Complaints
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	78701	Vomiting
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	4871	Influenza - Flu-like symptoms
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	3079	Other

Callout 4: When flu like symptoms are selected then JPAMS will email nurses and staff, as soon as posting occurs, using contact data from human resources and object function coding from DOE tables. Nursing staff will provide blood tests, etc. to determine if the student has contacted swine influenza and notify proper authorities if tests are positive.