

**Cumberland County Department of Public Health and
Cumberland County Schools Local Guidance
for Response to Influenza during
2009-2010**

Sick Student

Any child that has influenza like symptoms must remain at home for 5 calendar days from the day they become sick. Schools must verify that the student does not have a fever upon return to school. Active Screening Teams will screen all students prior to re-admittance. Active screening teams consist of the primary medication clerk and the two persons designated by the principal to serve as back up dispensers of medication.

Sick Staff

Staff members with influenza like symptoms should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, signs of a fever and without fever reducing medication. Upon their return to school, they must report to the active screening team.

Sick Household

Well students with ill household members are not required to stay at home.

Doctor's Notes

Doctor's notes are not required for school re-admittance; however, parents are encouraged to consult their primary care provider for advice on managing the flu at home.

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Emphasize the importance of hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette during morning and afternoon announcements. Hand sanitizers must be 60% alcohol based.

Routine Cleaning

School staff should routinely clean areas that students and staff touch often with the cleaners they typically use. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention do not believe any disinfection of environmental surfaces beyond the recommended routine cleaning is required.