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TO: Kane County Public and Private Schools
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SUBJECT: H1N1 Influenza Reporting

On September 15, 2009 the Illinois Department of Public health announced updated reporting requirements for H1N1 influenza. Medical providers and laboratories are now only required to report to public health the H1N1 influenza cases that are identified in hospitalized patients or those identified in a deceased individual. Pediatric deaths associated with any laboratory confirmed influenza infection (seasonal or H1N1) also continues to be reportable.

H1N1 influenza in the outpatient setting whether suspect, probable or confirmed is no longer a required reportable disease. Additionally, testing in the outpatient setting is no longer available through public health laboratories, however can be obtained from a limited number of commercial laboratories.

As a result of this change, the Kane County Health Department will no longer be notifying schools when a positive H1N1 test result is identified in an outpatient. Likewise is it not necessary for schools to call the health department when they receive a report of a student who is suspected or confirmed of having H1N1 influenza.

Measures to help prevent transmission of influenza in the school setting should be in place and applied to address influenza-like-illness, H1N1 influenza and seasonal influenza. Therefore, confirmation of an influenza infection with laboratory testing does not necessitate any different response or intervention measure.

Please feel free to contact the Kane County Health Department at 630-208-3810 with any questions or concerns. Additionally, we appreciate the public schools continued participation in reporting daily absenteeism data.