



**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
EDUCATION CENTER

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

There has been a large amount of information in newspapers and other news sources regarding the swine influenza (flu). The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Boyertown Area School District is closely monitoring the situation and promoting proactive measures at school.

The following steps can be helpful in preventing exposure or transmission of germs:

**Swine Influenza (Flu) - What You Can Do to Stay Healthy**

*-Berks County Pandemic Advisory Council*

**There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy.**

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

**Try to avoid close contact with sick people.**

- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- If you get sick, the Center for Disease Control recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Additional information can be found on the Boyertown Area School District Website at [www.boyertownasd.org](http://www.boyertownasd.org). Go to the “Services” tab, click on “Student Services,” then click on “Pandemic Preparedness.”

We will continue to monitor information and follow direction from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Sincerely,

Principal