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Dear Christina School District Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, the media has reported four possible cases of the swine flu virus affecting students at the University of Delaware. We have been proactive this year in keeping our schools clean and disease-free by following strict guidelines for cleaning, and making hand sanitizer solution more widely available in classrooms, offices, cafeterias, and other common areas within schools. In addition, our school nurses are alert and aware of swine flu symptoms.

In order to help ensure the health of our students, their families, and our employees, the Christina School District is working closely with national, state, and local health agencies to monitor and communicate any threat of swine flu in our area.

The most important thing parents and students can do is to use common-sense infection control techniques. These include:

- Washing your hands often with soap and warm water. Hand cleansers are also effective.
- Avoid people who are ill.
- Stay home from work or school if you are sick.
- Use tissues when you cough or sneeze.
- Keep your hands away from your face. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Clean shared spaces often, such as phone receivers, keyboards, and office equipment.
- Refrain from sharing personal items such as utensils, toothbrushes, and towels.

If you or your child becomes ill with flu-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, please contact your health care provider.

We are taking every precautionary measure to ensure the safety and welfare of our students and staff. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your school directly, and your questions will be answered by the school nurse. Information is also available on the district website ([www.christina.k12.de.us](http://www.christina.k12.de.us)), at the US Center for Disease Control website ([www.cdc.gov/swineflu/](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/)) and at the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services- Division of Public Health website (<http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/index.html>)

Sincerely,

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