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Dear Parents/Guardians:

After seeking guidance from the Health Department and other sources at the state level, we will handle student reports of flu symptoms in the following manner.

Students who exhibit upper respiratory symptoms will be asked about recent travel history, referred to their private physician and sent home. Their doctor may treat them with antiviral drugs and send a sample test for Swine Influenza A to the New Jersey State Laboratory. For those students who are not in school but have reported their absence as due to upper respiratory symptoms, the school nurse will attempt to find out if they traveled to Mexico or other areas affected by the swine flu.

We would ask that you speak with your child regarding steps they can do to protect themselves from contracting or spreading this (and any other) flu virus, including frequent hand washing, coughing into their sleeve, etc. The school district has educational information and materials on its website (www.somerset hills.org) that you may want to share with your child.

A fact sheet about swine flu that we received from Warren's Health Officer is enclosed for your review. We will continue to carefully monitor this issue, and will provide any additional guidance we may receive in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Maria Torres

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Principal

enc. Swine Flu Fact Sheet
NJDHSS Info Sheet