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**Peoria City/County  
Health Department**

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To: Peoria County Schools

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Re: H1N1 Update

In response to a number of inquiries from local school officials, the Peoria City/County Health Department determined it was appropriate to provide a status report regarding the H1N1 outbreak.

As of the week ending October 17, 2009, forty-six states, including Illinois, are reporting wide spread influenza activity. Reported influenza-like illnesses (ILI) continue to climb each week and ILI activity is now higher than what was seen during the peak of many regular flu seasons.

According to the CDC, almost all of the influenza viruses identified so far is the 2009 H1N1 Influenza A virus. The cases reported to the Peoria City/County Health Department mirror that of the CDC report; therefore, it seems redundant to report confirmed H1N1 cases to local Superintendent offices as mentioned at the September 11th Regional Office of Education meeting. The Health Department encourages school officials to utilize the CDC school tool kit <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools/toolkit/> as a resource to communicate information to concerned parents for H1N1 prevention.

The H1N1 virus is in our community and according to CDC data it is reasonable to assume the majority of ILI symptoms are H1N1 related. If you have questions on how to communicate with concerned parents or media, call me at 679-6028 for guidance.

Regards,

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