

## Swine Flu Responsibilities for ISP Families

Our ISP families are highly mobile, travelling all over the world for business and personal reasons. With this in mind, we are monitoring the Swine Flu situation very carefully and defining key responsibilities for all members of our school community.

Please know that we are relying on the experts, including regional health officials, CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and WHO (World Health Organization) contacts, representatives of the United Nations in Panama and the US Department of State in our effort to define a very clear protocol to keep our school safe.

Please read the following responsibilities carefully and immediately implement the following directives:

### 1. WHEN FLU SYMPTOMS EXIST WITHIN YOUR FAMILY:

When ISP students and staff, or members of their households, exhibit symptoms of Swine Flu (symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, diarrhea or vomiting), they should stay away from the school and consult a doctor.

Report that a member of the family has flu symptoms to the school.

Return to campus will only be permitted with a doctor's note.

### 2. WHEN IN DOUBT

Please contact your principal or counselor if you have concerns about missing school. Our goal is to maintain your child's learning program and we will facilitate this by maintaining communication with you while you are unable to come to school.

The CDC has an excellent podcast that describes the symptoms at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/podcasts/player.asp?f=11281#>  
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### 3. TRAVEL

If a family member has to travel to or from an area where an outbreak of Swine Flu exists, then all members of the family must be vigilant for any signs of flu symptoms.

The principals will provide school field trip information as needed.

If no flu symptoms exist within the family, then students and staff may come to school. The school must be notified that a member of the family has, potentially, been exposed to swine flu. The school reserves the right to ask the family not to send members of the family to school, depending on the travel circumstances and the extent of the infection rate around the world.

**These family responsibilities go into effect immediately and should remain until further notice.**

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and if it appears that the Swine flu outbreak will have an immediate effect on ISP, we will inform you of additional steps to address the safety of everyone in our school community. In the event of a declared pandemic, we will follow a very specific protocol as recommended by the CDC and we will keep you fully informed.

In addition to the stories you are reading in the paper and seeing on television, I urge you to keep yourself informed by checking the official Center for Disease Control and World Health Organization websites.

Center for Disease Control (USA): <<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu>> (English) or

<<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/espanol>> (Spanish) World Health Organization:

<<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>> (English) or

<[http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/espanol/swine\\_espanol.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/espanol/swine_espanol.htm)> (Spanish)

The current WHO Alert level has been raised to Phase 5. For information about what this means, please go to <[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/phase/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/phase/en/index.html)>

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kindest regards,

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