

<http://health.aurorak12.org/illness-injury-infection/influenza-info/>

This page provides information on H1N1 and preventative measures to combat the flu. The page has resources from Tri-County Health, the Centers for Disease Control and answers to frequently asked questions.

--Beginning Sept. 8, school staff will begin collecting illness and absence data to share with Tri-County Health to assist them in the disease surveillance process. I will send a ConnectEd message to parents on Wednesday, Sept. 9 to share H1N1 tips and ask parents to report their children's symptoms when calling in absences due to illness.

--We have learned that a H1N1 vaccine will not be available until mid to late October. The first distribution will be for the higher risk groups, including children 6 months to 24 years of age, adults with chronic health conditions and women who are pregnant.

--APS will partner with Tri-County Health to set up H1N1 Vaccination Centers at a number of our schools. We will provide you more information on the H1N1 vaccine and vaccination centers in the coming weeks.

--APS is also partnering with the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) to offer staff seasonal flu vaccinations. (See Attached). There is a fee for this vaccination. Please contact our Risk Management department for more information on costs. Seasonal flu vaccines are also available through many health providers and pharmacies. Check with your insurance carrier to see if the seasonal flu vaccine is a covered benefit. Student and staff safety is a top priority. Please continue to focus on maintaining your own health by getting adequate rest, good nutrition and exercise.