

September 16, 2009

Dear Brooklyn Prospect Parent or Guardian,

In mid-August, I attended a conference on the H1N1 virus (also known as Swine Flu) at the Department of Education Headquarters. In preparation for the flu season and to help insure the good health of all in our school community, we at Brooklyn Prospect have been closely following the information distributed by New York City Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control. Accordingly, we write to let you know the H1N1 protocol at Brooklyn Prospect Charter School.

Brooklyn Prospect will take the following actions to minimize the risk of H1N1 infection:

- Increased emphasis on hand-washing at breaks and during lunch
- Teachers will wash the common surfaces, such as door knobs and pencil sharpeners, after each 90 minute block.
- We have requested that the custodial staff repeatedly clean the bathrooms and water fountains throughout the day.
- Students showing any flu like symptoms will immediately be sent to the nurse.
- Employees showing any flu like symptoms will immediately be sent home.

We strongly recommend the following to families of Brooklyn Prospect students:

- Please adhere to the CDC guidelines: if your student shows sign of the flu (fever and one or more of the following: coughing, nasal congestion or sore throat) keep him/her home. Additionally if your student is vomiting or does not feel well enough to participate in school please keep him/her home.
- Regular seasonal influenza vaccination is recommended by the CDC for all school-aged students as will be the H1N1 vaccination when it is available; please see your physician as soon as possible for those immunizations. We will inform you if these vaccines become available on campus.
- Remind your student about the importance of hand washing and overall healthy hygiene.

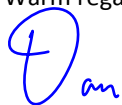
Please see the following links to the NYC Department of Education regarding the H1N1 virus.

[http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/mediarelations/NewsandSpeeches/2009-2010/20090901\\_flu.htm](http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/mediarelations/NewsandSpeeches/2009-2010/20090901_flu.htm)

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Home/Spotlight/swine.htm> (Spanish language is available here.)

Please feel free to contact our office or speak to your student's advisor if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan".

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