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Dear Parents,

This letter will help your family prepare for a pandemic that could make many people sick. **It is important to know that currently there is no pandemic virus in our community.**

However, public health officials are worried the virus may change so that it can infect people and spread easily from person-to-person. This may lead to a widespread outbreak, called a pandemic.

Public health officials want people to protect themselves against a virus. Here are some ways to protect your family:

- ✓ Keep children who are sick at home. Don't send them to school.
- ✓ Teach your children to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- ✓ Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- ✓ Teach your children to stay at least three feet away from people who are sick.
- ✓ People who are sick should stay home from work or school and avoid other people until they are better.

If you have questions, please contact your school nurse, healthcare provider, or your local board of health or check the CDC website.

The federal government website with information on planning for individuals and families:

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov>

American Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org>

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Thank You

Betsy Hyde, Deputy Superintendent

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