

## Update from Wakefield Health Department - June 10, 2009:

The Wakefield Health Department continues to receive regular updates from the Center for Disease Control and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu). Cases continue throughout the State with the highest percentage in the 0-20 age group. This group includes school-aged children. Therefore parents should remain diligent in watching for signs and symptoms in their children. The Town is following the latest recommendations from the State in regards to H1N1 and the school setting. At this point, although several cases have been categorized as suspected or probable, there is no evidence shown to close any school or day care facility.

The best course of action is to keep your child home for seven (7) days after a fever develops or for 24-48 hours after all symptoms resolve, whichever is longer, if you believe your child may have the flu and its symptoms.

Our local school department continues to assess the students and staff and educate the students on hand washing and coughing and sneezing into their elbow or tissue instead of their hands.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Wakefield Board of Health at 781-246-6375 or check the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website [www.mass.gov/dph/swineflu](http://www.mass.gov/dph/swineflu) or the Center for Disease Control website [www.cdc.gov/h1n1/](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1/).