

# Kemp Independent School District

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Dear Parent / Guardian:

Last spring our state and nation were in great alarm concerning the H1N1 Flu (swine flu). H1N1 Flu is a new strain of flu virus that has symptoms very similar to the regular seasonal flu. The Center of Disease Control (CDC) has given guidelines to school districts and state agencies when dealing with illness such as H1N1.

The Kemp ISD has had several students out of school with flu like symptoms. However we have NOT had any confirmed cases of H1N1. The district will follow recommendations from the CDC concerning this flu. The recommendation is for schools and state agencies to follow normal procedures and practices concerning flu sickness.

The CDC no longer recommends school closure for flu outbreaks and this recommendation stands even for confirmed cases on H1N1. The district is continuing to take extra precautions in cleaning to help prevent the spread of the flu. Teachers have been encouraged to promote proper hygiene practices in their classrooms. Each bus is being sanitized as well.

I caution parents to remain calm in this situation. Every year schools deal with viruses such as the flu. This year it seems to have come a little earlier. Please remind your child of good practices that help to avoid viruses.

For more information concerning the H1N1 virus please refer to the district website, [kempisd.org](http://kempisd.org). Thank you for your cooperation concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Running".

Peter J. Running, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
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