



**SARASOTA**  
COUNTY SCHOOLS

Sarasota County Schools  
and  
Sarasota County Health Department  
School Health Services



**Script of Connect-ED recorded phone message for parents and staff of Sarasota County Schools, to be sent to homes before first day of school 8/24/09:**

Hello, I am Dr. Heymann, medical director for the Sarasota County Health Department. As a parent and physician, I share your concerns about H1N1 (swine) flu. I am calling as we expect to see flu illness in schools when they re-open. Swine flu symptoms include a fever of 100 degrees or higher, a sore throat and/or cough and maybe diarrhea and vomiting. If your child becomes ill, please get early medical care. Keep them home until symptoms go away, and they have no fever for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Schools will be monitoring everyone for signs of the flu and will be doing extra cleaning. Those who come to school with flu symptoms will be sent home. Working parents should have a plan for child care for ill children. School officials will send a letter home about these issues, and will post it to the school district website.

For more information, contact your school health nurse or the health department.

Enjoy a safe and healthy school year. Thank you.