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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SUMMER CAMP OPERATORS

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Dear Summer Camp Operator:

Although illness associated with the new flu strain, H1N1, has been declining in New York City, cases may continue to occur this summer. Therefore, I am writing to provide you with guidance on the management of children and staff with flu-like symptoms in Summer Camp programs and to clarify requirements for reporting. These are summarized below and described in more detail in the guidance attached to this letter.

The most important measures to reduce the spread of influenza in camps are:

- Exclude all campers and staff with fever or flu-like illness (fever of $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ AND cough or sore throat). Instruct parents to keep sick children at home until 24 hours after symptoms resolve.
- Reinforce the importance of covering coughs and sneezes, and washing hands frequently.

In addition, we ask that you report clusters of 5 or more individuals (campers or staff) individuals with flu-like illness (fever of $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ AND cough or sore throat) while attending the camp in a single day to the Bureau of Food Safety and Community Sanitation at 212.442.2626/30.

Regular updates, fact sheets, and educational materials are available on the home page of our website www.nyc.gov/health. Educational posters in many languages are available for download by clicking the link "[H1N1 \(SO\) Flu Information](#)" and scrolling down to the bottom of the page. Please contact the Bureau of Food Safety and Community Sanitation at 212.442.2626/30 to report a cluster of five (5) or more children or staff noted to have flu-like symptoms.

Sincerely,


Robert D. Edman, Assistant Commissioner

Attachments: H1N1 Flu Protocol