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Probable H1N1 Virus in Falmouth School System

Falmouth Emergency Management Director Howard Rice, Jr. reported that the Superintendent of Falmouth Public Schools was advised early this evening that a probable case of the H1N1 flu (not yet confirmed by the Center for Disease Control or CDC) was identified in an elementary school student who attends the Lunt School. The student attended school only one day (Friday, May 1) prior to any appearance of symptoms. The student is reported to be recovering at home and feeling well. The student will not return to school for the CDC recommended exclusion period (minimum of 7 days).

We are following the current guidelines from the CDC. The CDC does not recommend school closure but instead recommends employing the following controls to reduce spread of influenza in schools:

- Focus on early identification and isolation of ill students and staff;
- Staying home when ill; and
- Good cough and hand hygiene

Parents and staff of Lunt School will receive more detailed notification on Thursday morning, May 7, 2009.

For more information about the H1N1 virus, please contact the Maine CDC at 1-888-257-0990. The Falmouth Emergency Management Hotline (699-5241) will be updated as new information becomes available.

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