



## SUDBURY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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**To: All Sudbury Catholic Schools Staff, Students and Parent(s):**

This letter is being sent home to provide you with an update on the Sudbury Catholic District School Board's activities related to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's Guidelines for Pandemic Prevention and Management of (H1N1) 2009 in elementary and secondary schools.

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board's Pandemic Plan was developed jointly with the School Boards in the City of Greater Sudbury (the plan will be available on our website very shortly). Vice-Principals received training on our Pandemic Plan on September 23, 2009 and the same training was delivered to our Principals on September 24, 2009. These principals then provided in-house education to all staff on a professional development day.

As part of our proactive steps toward providing the best education to all during this time, we enlisted the support of the Environmental Hygiene unit to assess our cleaning methods in our schools. With their support we were able to ensure that our materials met all applicable Health Unit standards. Our custodial staff received specialized training on cleaning protocols during Custodial Professional Development on October 2, 2009. In addition, kits have been developed for each school that contain: Percept Concentrate (Disinfectant Solution), Percept RTU Wipes, (micro fibre cleaning cloths that reduce viral transmission from surface to surface) in addition to other materials. Hand sanitizing units have been installed in every school and individual hand pumps have been ordered for each classroom.

In addition to the above measures, the Board chose to enhance the original Pandemic Plan to provide our teachers with additional educational resources from the Sudbury District Health Unit, Toronto Public Health and the Canadian Red Cross on strategies to communicate with students on H1N1 and various activities to promote cough etiquette and hand hygiene. We maintain regular contact with the Sudbury District Health Unit.

These measures, which include our in-house hand washing video, poster distribution and daily surveillance of absenteeism, are all proactive steps to ensure that we are meeting the expectations of both the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and the Ministry of Education with respect to this situation.

We encourage you to visit our website at [www.scdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.edu.on.ca) for updated H1N1 information.

Sincerely,

Catherine McCullough  
Director of Education

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