



# Holly Area Schools

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Dear Students, Parents, and Staff of Holly Area Schools,

I would like to share some important information about the spread of Seasonal Influenza (Flu) and some everyday preventive actions that we can take to slow and stop the spread of this respiratory illness.

We encourage our students and staff to stay home when they are sick and wait until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever before returning. When at school, we want to remind everyone to use respiratory etiquette (covering our coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their bent arm). Hand hygiene is also very important. Please remember to wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Always keep your hands away from your nose, mouth, and eyes.

Throughout the school year, we monitor our student attendance at each building. At this time of year, we especially look at our attendance rates and any absences from students and staff who are ill. Through this review, our custodial staff will increase their sanitation efforts to disinfect several touch points in a building including door knobs, light switches, sinks, soap dispensers, pencil sharpeners, desk surfaces, etc.

With this message, I have included an attachment from the Oakland County Health Department and the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Please review this guidance to help protect you and your family from the spread of the flu.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Roper, Superintendent

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