



# Milford Mill Academy

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Dear Parents:

The State Department of Health has asked me to share the following important information regarding swine flu. This information comes to us from the State Health Department:

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As expected, Maryland has begun to investigate a number of probable cases of swine flu. One of our students at Milford probably has swine flu, although this has not as yet been confirmed. The student, who is now recovering, has not been severely ill or hospitalized. The student has been at home for the entire duration of the student's illness.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Baltimore County Health Department and Baltimore County Public Schools, has determined that at this time students who are not ill can safely come to school and Milford Mill will remain open.

The school administration is closely monitoring school absences and working with the Baltimore County Health Department to track any unusual school absences. We will continue to send you updates on any important information or changes in school status.

**To keep the flu from spreading to more people, we ask you to keep sick children at home and consult with your child's health care provider. Please call the school if your child is absent with flu-like symptoms.**

Public health officials want you to protect yourself and your family against swine flu. Here are some ways to stop the spread of germs and sickness:

- If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school.
- Teach your children to wash their hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to stay at least three feet away from people who are sick.
- People who are sick should stay home from work or school, and they should stay away from other people until they are better.

If you have questions, please contact the BCPS Office of Health Services at 410-887-6368 or your health care provider. You can also call the Baltimore County Health Department Flu Hotline at 410-887-2243. You may also get more information about swine flu from [www.dhmf.state.md.us](http://www.dhmf.state.md.us).

We will notify you of any change in recommendations.

Again, the preceding was information that the State Department of Health has asked me to share with Milford Mill families.

Sincerely,

**Nathaniel Gibson, Principal**