

Swine Influenza A Information for Schools  
Interim School Health Advisory Update  
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The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) are aware and wanted you to be aware that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have modified their recommendations for school closure. The DPH is reviewing the modifications to determine how they may impact the current guidance for schools. The DPH is also working with our public health partners on this issue. Please note the following:

- At this time, the DPH is continuing to follow the guidelines that we made available to you previously. These can be found at:  
[http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/communications/cerc/swineflu\\_schoolhealthadvisory\\_apr29.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/communications/cerc/swineflu_schoolhealthadvisory_apr29.pdf).
- If, based on revised recommendations and consultation with our public health partners, the DPH feels it necessary to modify the current guidance; DPH and CSDE will notify you of these changes.
- As you know, many parents and families visit the CDC website for updates and information. Therefore, you may need to inform parents that at this time, Connecticut schools will continue to follow the Connecticut State Department of Public Health advisories regarding school closures.

In response to the questions during yesterday's conference call:

- School Food Service Operations: Districts are not obligated to provide school lunch and breakfast programs when schools are closed. However, schools may work within their communities to inform families about available community food programs during this time.
- Good communication is essential during times like these, so please share these communications and your district plans with other constituents, such as private schools in your communities.
- Spanish resources for families: CDC website has resources available for families at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/espanol/influenza-porcina-info-general.htm>. In addition, attached is a Spanish version of the parent letter that was sent out earlier this week.

If you have questions about the implications of the current or any revised guidance, please feel free to contact Cheryl Resha at [cheryl.resha@ct.gov](mailto:cheryl.resha@ct.gov) or Debbye Rosen at [debbye.rosen@ct.gov](mailto:debbye.rosen@ct.gov)