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H1N1 (Swine Flu) Update
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As many of you have heard, fortunately the spread of the flu as well as the severity of the illness has abated in the last few days. The Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to monitor the situation closely and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) participates in daily conference calls. Guidelines on school closings have been modified and moderated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) however, DPH still stresses the need for good infection control and hand washing practices to continue. Certainly, if you or a family member are sick it is always wise to consult your doctor. DDS has issued guidelines for our Respite Centers to ensure that appropriate steps are taken to make certain that our guests' health is considered before coming to respite. DPH cautions that even though there is improvement in the situation we all must remain vigilant. As always please keep yourself up to date on the latest information regarding the flu by accessing the DPH website at www.ct.gov/ctfluwatch