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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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09-051: H1N1 Virus – Probable Case

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## **Linden Elementary closed due to precaution of probable case of flu**

As a precautionary measure due to the first probable case—NOT confirmed—of a Linden Elementary student with the H1N1 virus, Linden Unified School District officials have been given direction from San Joaquin County Public Health Services to dismiss students from Linden Elementary School until further notice. Updates on the school's closure will be sent to families through phone notification and posted online at [www.sjcoe.net/LUSD/DO.html](http://www.sjcoe.net/LUSD/DO.html). CDC is NOT recommending that any other school within the district or county closes.

Schools within Linden USD and districts throughout the county are taking every necessary precaution to ensure that schools are a healthy place for its students. Some of these steps include continuously sanitizing desks and chairs, keeping hand-sanitizer with alcohol and plenty of facial tissue available, as well as sending students who are ill home.

Healthy teachers and staff of Linden Elementary will be providing their students with short-term independent study material through mail on Monday, May 4. The work packets should be returned when students come back to school.

Linden Unified and other school districts are working in close coordination with local health officials and will continue to do so as the situation changes.

School districts throughout the county and San Joaquin County Office of Education personal have had extensive training and have a plan in place to prevent the spread of H1N1 and minimize the disruption of students' education.

Any student or staff of the school who exhibit flu like symptoms including a fever of 100.4 degrees or more should call their doctor, as well as the district nurse, Patty Atkins, at 887-3894. Additional questions can be directed to Dr. Ronald Estes, Jane Steinkamp, or Rebecca Hall at 887-3894. Any person within our community with these symptoms should call their doctor.

The best preventative measure remains to follow practices that help stop the spread of all germs by staying home when you are sick, covering your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, washing your hands frequently, and avoid touching your face.

Visit the San Joaquin County Office of Education website ([www.sjcoe.org/h1n1/flu.aspx](http://www.sjcoe.org/h1n1/flu.aspx)) for more information about H1N1.

For additional information on the H1N1 virus, call San Joaquin County Public Health Hotline at (209) 469.8200 or visit its website at [dwww.sjcophs.org](http://dwww.sjcophs.org).

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has activated a toll-free H1N1 flu hotline in English and Spanish. Assistance in other languages is also available. The phone number is (888)865.0564. CDPH's H1N1 flu hotline is available Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6

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p.m., and on weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can also call your health care provider or the CDC Hotline: 1-800-CDC-INFO (4636).

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