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## **State Schools Chief Jack O'Connell Discusses Spread of Swine Flu, Encourages Precautionary Measures and Up to Date School Safety Plans**

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell will hold a news conference today in Los Angeles encouraging school districts to make sure their required School Safety Plans include responses to pandemic flu. He will also highlight the importance for students, parents, and educators to take precautionary measures (i.e. washing hands thoroughly and covering sneezes and coughs) to guard against the spread of the recently reported outbreak of swine influenza. O'Connell will strongly urge students, their parents and school officials to download a free "Keep Our Schools Healthy" tool kit in multiple languages to help prevent the spread of germs and viruses, such as the recently reported outbreak of swine influenza. The tool kit can be downloaded by visiting <http://www.cde.ca.gov/148645>.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 28, 2009</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>Ronald Reagan State Office Building Eason Conference Room (next to security screening) 300 South Spring Street Los Angeles</b>

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