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Update on School (K - 12) Dismissal and Childcare Facilities: Interim CDC Guidance in Response to Human Infections with the Influenza A H1N1 Virus

Based on new information on circulation of a new influenza A (H1N1) virus among people in the US and Mexico first detected in April 2009, this document provides updated interim planning guidance for State, territorial, tribal, and local communities.

This guidance, dated May 1, 2009 (1635 ET) includes recommendations on school dismissal for K - 12 schools and closure of childcare programs and facilities and updates previously issued guidance on community mitigation interventions for this disease.

School dismissal and childcare closures are an important part of a comprehensive, layered mitigation approach aimed at reducing disease transmission and associated morbidity and mortality during the H1N1 influenza virus outbreak in the US.

The full document may be found here: http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/K12_dismissal.htm

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