

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE FLU

Chatham Central Schools continues to receive flu advisory information from the New York State Department of Health and the Columbia County Health Department. After reviewing the latest information with our school physician, we are implementing the following precautions as of June 1, 2009:

1. Students with a fever (temperature ≥ 100 Degree F) and cough or sore throat may not attend school for at least 7 days after the start of the illness. Students may return to school when
 - a. 7 days have passed since the start of the fever and cough or sore throat. A doctor's note is not needed to return to school.
or
 - b. a health care provider writes a note stating that a student who had a fever and sore throat or cough is unlikely to have the flu or has a non-flu diagnosis, and the student has been fever-free for 24 hours.
2. Students with a fever and no other symptoms may return to school when they have been fever-free for 24 hours.

The precautions above should be practiced by school staff as well as by students.

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