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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Kellogg School District officials are following the news regarding the Swine Flu outbreak. The federal government has declared a public health emergency. This declaration is not intended to cause concern or panic for citizens. This declaration is required to release resources for testing and medications for Swine Flu. As of today at 11 a.m. EST there are 64 cases in the U.S. with most in New York. Health officials recommend that citizens not make any non-essential trips to Mexico at this time.

Kellogg School District has a pandemic flu plan to follow if there were a large number of flu cases in our area. We would like to remind you that covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve and frequent hand washing, especially after using a tissue, is still your best defense against illness. Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth. Stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick. Keep sick children at home.

If you have traveled to any of the areas affected by Swine flu in the past 7-10 days and are ill with fever and cough or sore throat, please see your health care provider. We are in frequent contact with Panhandle Health District to keep informed on the latest recommendations for our state and local area. If there were any cases of flu suspected in our schools, we would follow the directions of Panhandle Health District on school closure and limiting public events, such as sporting events.

When parents call in to report a student absence, school personnel have been instructed to ask for the reason and if it is for illness, to ask questions about the symptoms. This information will allow us to watch for any outbreak and to maintain a healthy school district. If the symptoms reported include illness with a fever, the school nurse will contact you as a follow-up.

If you have further questions, you may contact the Kellogg District School Nurse at the above number, Panhandle Health District or your health care provider.