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Influenza Information: Royston Elementary

Yesterday evening, we were informed by the Vancouver Island Health Authority that a child who attends Royston Elementary School has tested positive for "Influenza A." No child has tested positive for H1N1.

We worked through today with our local health authority and the school. Tonight a voicemail and email message will go out to all parents of Royston. This email and voicemail will also inform parents of a newsletter that will go home Monday. We normally would have sent the newsletter home today, but it is a non-instructional day so no children are at school.

The district is putting in place additional cleaning for the school and will working to monitor ongoing absenteeism. We are once again reminding parents of our protocols which encourage students and parents to:

- Continue to practice good personal hygiene including regular washing of hands;
- Cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow;
- Stay two metres away from anyone who is ill; and
- If you are sick, stay home until your symptoms are gone.

We have posted the newsletter to Royston parents on the H1N1section of our website on the right side of our home page. In that area, you will find additional information about how to recognize the symptoms of the flu and how to protect your child from becoming ill.

As more information becomes available, we will continue to post on our district website and work directly with the school.

Sincerely,

Jordan Tinney
Superintendent