



## Pointe Schools

serves a combined student body, K-12,  
of over 1200 students on three  
northwest valley campuses.

Students attending a Pointe School will  
gain foundational **knowledge**,  
grow in **character** and  
develop **leadership** skills.

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Dear Parents,

This past Sunday, the Arizona Republic ran several articles regarding the H1N1 flu and schools. According to one article, County public health Director Dr. Bob England believes 30 to 40 percent of the state will probably become ill with the Novel H1N1 flu and schools won't be able to know for sure that any particular student has it. He went on to explain, "the state department has asked doctors only to test people who are very sick or hospitalized."

With the flu being widespread throughout the state, parents should assume that the novel flu is present in their child's school. As of Monday, Sept 21, all three Pointe schools reported an increase of absences due to flu and/or flu like symptoms. Due to the widespread nature of the flu and student privacy issues, Pointe Schools will not be issuing alerts when individual cases are confirmed as being the novel flu. Schools have been encouraged to remain open during flu season, even when cases of H1N1 are confirmed unless the severity of the novel flu increases or the volume of absences warrants.

If your child is at high risk for influenza complications and you have not already done so, I encourage you to consult with your child's doctor.

According to the Center for Disease Control, staff and students "who are at high risk for influenza complications who become ill with influenza-like illness should speak with their health care provider as soon as possible. Early treatment with antiviral medications is very important for people at high risk because it can prevent hospitalizations and deaths. People at high risk include those who are pregnant, have asthma or diabetes, have compromised immune systems, or have neuromuscular diseases."

Additional information regarding H1N1 is listed on the school website.

Sincerely,

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