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Diana Taylor, Director

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students of Marion Earl Elementary School:

The safety of our students and staff continues to be our most important consideration as cases of the swine flu are reported in the community and across the nation. We have been notified by the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) of four cases of swine flu (H1N1 influenza) in our school, and the SNHD assured us that they are monitoring the progress of the students who were diagnosed.

Most cases reported in Clark County have been mild, and the Southern Nevada Health District provided the following information:

- Testing is not necessary for the readmission of children to school or daycares.
- Laboratory confirmation of H1N1 is not necessary for the management of patients.
- Patients should manage their illness as they would seasonal influenza.
- Non-hospitalized patients with fever and respiratory illness are advised to stay home until symptoms are no longer present.
- The public is urged to continue practicing good health habits to prevent the spread of influenza.

The SNHD anticipates additional cases of H1N1 flu at schools and is not recommending school closure at this time. All CCSD schools continue to monitor student health office visits and symptoms of influenza and work with the SNHD on recommended actions. All schools have soap and water and/or alcohol based hand sanitizers available for students and staff, and they have been asked to encourage their frequent use.

Parents, students and staff are encouraged to check for updates at <u>www.ccsd.net</u> and <u>www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org</u>. Please feel free to contact the CCSD Health Services Department at 799-7443, as needed, for questions.

Sincerely,

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