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New York Statewide School Health Services Center

Joint Guidance from the NYS Education Department and the NYS Department of Health – September 11, 2009

New guidance is available on our website related to **School Absenteeism and School Dismissal Monitoring for Novel H1N1 Influenza (Flu) Virus in K-12 Educational Facilities for the 2009 – 2010 School Year.**

This newly released document can be found on our website on the H1N1 Flu page at:
<http://www.schoolhealthservicesny.com/h1n1.cfm>

Look for:

NYSED & NYSDOH September 11, 2009 Joint Memo:
School Absenteeism and School Dismissal Monitoring for Novel H1N1 Influenza (Flu) Virus in K-12 Educational Facilities for the 2009-2010 School Year

- School Surveillance and Reporting System: School 2009 Absentee Surveillance
- School Surveillance and Reporting System: CDC School Dismissal Form
- *Training is available on the Health Provider Network (HPN) website*
- *Quick Tips and FAQs on School Absenteeism and Dismissal Reporting*

The School Survey Reporting System, available through the Health Provider Network (HPN), is available to any school health professional with an account (which you need to have for Immunization Survey Reporting and Student Weight Status Category Reporting). The cover letter states that entering the data in the forms, while voluntary, will provide schools, districts, and local health officials with up-to-date situational awareness on influenza and other issues. All public and non public elementary and secondary educational institutions are strongly encouraged to use the reporting system.



- To access the voluntary reporting system, go to the HPN home page at:
 - <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>
- Look for and click on the colored school house icon that is titled “School Absenteeism and Dismissal Surveillance”
- The next screen offers a link to a self paced training session. Look on the right of the page and click on the word “Training” found within the written paragraph. This provides an easy to follow step by step instruction program that shows you how to move through the system.
- Live training sessions are also available – please see the listings on the HPN account.